

Circular 195/ 2019

To: Vessel Owners, Managers, Masters, Officers, Deputy Registrars and Other Interested Parties.

Subject: MARPOL Annex VI - Sulphur Oxides (SOx) and Particulate Matter (Regulation 14) - amendments entering into force on 01 January 2020.

Attachments:

“LETTER OF WARNING” MARPOL Annex VI

Date: 23rd January 2019

Summary

Paris MoU Authorities have started issuing the attached Letter of Warning to masters of vessels trading in the Paris MoU area.

The letter of warning is aimed to draw attention to the emission standards set by MARPOL Annex VI - Regulation 14, which will enter into force from 1 January 2020.

Port State Control Officers will check compliance with the abovementioned standards through the bunker delivery notes and related ships’ log books and records and by means of sampling from the fuel lines.

The attached Letter of Warning details the areas that will be investigated as well as the items on which Port State Control Officers will put further emphasis from 1 January 2020.

Deficiencies recorded against any of the areas/items detailed in the Letter of Warning will result in actions taken by the Port State Control Officers, which may include a detention of the ship or other enforcement/administrative/corrective measures.

Even if the Paris MoU is an early mover on the emission standards set by Annex VI - Regulation 14, it is very likely that several other MoUs on Port State Control will take a similar approach to the matter.

Therefore Maritime Cook Islands would like to urge vessel owners and managers to note the content of the attached Letter of Warning and to use the information provided as a useful tool to prepare for compliance with MARPOL Annex VI and for PSC inspections by 1 January 2020.

If you have any queries, please contact the Technical Department by email
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Please ensure this circular is forwarded to interested parties.

To the Master of

Flag State

IMO No

Date

LETTER OF WARNING
MARPOL Annex VI
Sulphur Oxides (SOx) and Particulate Matter (Regulation 14)¹

Dear Captain,

This letter is to bring to your attention the **new regulations on sulphur content of fuel oils used on board from 1 January 2020**. From that date all ships subject to MARPOL Annex VI are, in principle, required to use on board fuel oils with a sulphur content of maximum 0,50% m/m in accordance with MARPOL Annex VI regulation 14², or use alternative emission reduction and control technologies to comply with the emission standard.

From 1 January 2020 Port State Control Officers of the Paris MoU will check compliance with these regulations through the bunker delivery notes and related ships' log books and records and by means of sampling from the fuel lines.

The following check boxes indicate the areas investigated:

- 1 SOx records
- 2 Sulphur oxides
- 3 Sulphur content of fuel used
- 4 Alternative arrangements (SOx)

Deficiencies in the areas listed above may be recorded by the Paris MoU **if the regulations were in place now**.

From 1 January 2020 Port State Control Officers will put further emphasis on the following items:

- 1 That the ship carries on board fuel oil with a sulphur content depending on the area of operation
- 2 There are records of the bunker delivery notes (BDNs) and associated samples or records thereof are kept on board
- 3 There are written procedures on board covering fuel oil change over operations where appropriate
- 4 That the Master and ship's personnel are familiar with essential fuel oil management procedures
- 5 That the ship has an appropriate approval for any installed exhaust gas cleaning systems, or equivalent means, if required

This list is to help you prepare for compliance by 1 January 2020. If deficiencies are recorded against any of these items from 1 January 2020 action may be taken by the Port State Control Officer which may include a detention of the ship or other enforcements or administrative or corrective measures.

You are requested to inform the company of the above. Further details are given in MARPOL Annex VI Regulations 14 and 18.

On behalf of the Maritime Authority of

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Port

Date

¹ As amended by MEPC.305(73)

² In Emission Control Areas the sulphur content of fuel oil used on board shall not exceed 0.10% m/m