
**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON
PORT STATE CONTROL IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION**



To the Master of

IMO No

Flag State

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 14.², or use an alternative emission reduction and control technologies to comply with the emission standard

From 1 January 2020 Port State Control Officers of the Tokyo 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:

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| 1 | SOx records | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | Sulphur oxides | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 | Sulphur content of fuel used | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 | Alternative arrangements (SOx) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Deficiencies in the areas listed above may be recorded by the Tokyo 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 covering fuel oil change over operations where appropriate exist on board
- 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

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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.