



Merchant Shipping Directorate



## FUEL AVAILABILITY FOR VESSELS OPERATING IN ECA AREAS

### *Technical Notice MARPOL.5*

*Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters,  
Owners' Representatives and Recognised Organisations*

The Merchant Shipping Directorate would like to remind all concerned that as from 1 January 2015, all vessels operating in Emission Control Areas (ECA) are required to reduce their sulphur emissions from 1.00 % level to 0.1% S m/m, in accordance with Annex VI Regulation 14 of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL).

Furthermore, the attention of those concerned is drawn to the Paris MoU Guidelines relating to onboard procedures and documentary evidence and procedures of notification to port authorities in the Paris MOU region when compliant fuel oil is not available.

To this effect, vessels operating in such areas shall ensure that they have sufficient fuel oil available for compliance with the above requirements. Moreover, it is of utmost importance that the crew are trained and familiarized with the fuel oil change-over procedures.

The electronic version and full text of the Guidelines are available on Paris MoU website and can be downloaded from:

<https://www.parismou.org/sites/default/files/Guidelines%20on%20fuel%20availability.pdf>

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