



Mediterranean Sea inclusion in ECA

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Notice to: Ship Owners/ Managers/ Operators / Surveyors / Auditors

This circular is issued to advise that the amendments to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, under [IMO Resolution MEPC.361\(79\)](#), enter into force on 01 May 2024.

The amendments add a “Mediterranean Sea Emission Control Area for Sulphur Oxides and Particulate Matter”.

The amended MARPOL Annex VI, Appendix VII gives the coordinates of the emission control area, which includes all waters bounded by the coasts of Europe, Africa, and Asia.

Act now

All Ship Owners / Managers / Operators / Surveyors / Auditors should ensure that ships trading within the Mediterranean Sea, are aware of this Emission Control Area, and follow the MARPOL requirements accordingly.