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Applicable to: Shipowners, ship managers, operators, masters, crew members, recognised organisations, surveyors and the shipping community

PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA (AIR) (AMENDMENT NO. 2) REGULATIONS 2018

This circular informs the shipping community on the amendments to the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Air) Regulations which will come into force with effect from 1 January 2019.

2. The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) had adopted amendments to MARPOL Annex VI at its seventy-first session through Resolution MEPC.286(71). The amendments to the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Air) Regulations give effect to the resolution.

Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Air) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2018

Designation of the Baltic Sea and North Sea Emission Control Areas (ECA) for NOx Tier III control

3. The Baltic Sea and the North Sea area has been designated as a NOx Emission Control Area (ECA) applicable from 1 January 2021. Ships constructed on or after 1 January 2021 entering Baltic Sea and North Sea are required to be installed with marine diesel engines that are certified in compliance to NOx Tier III emission standards.

Information to be included in the Bunker Delivery Note

4. Appendix V of MARPOL Annex VI (format of the Bunker Delivery Note) has been amended to require bunker suppliers to declare that the fuel oil supplied is in conformity to MARPOL Annex VI and the purchasers are to specify the fuel oil sulphur limit value if the ship are meeting the sulphur requirements using other alternative methods such as the use of exhaust gas scrubber.

5. Copies of the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Air) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2018 may be purchased at:
6. The shipping community may also be able to access the legislations online at: Prevention of Pollution of the Sea Regulations.

7. Queries relating to this circular should be directed to Mr. Princet Ang (Tel: 6375 6259) or email: shipping@mpa.gov.sg.

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