



# Technical Circular

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## **Subject: Entry into Effect of the US Caribbean Sea Emission Control Area**

To Whomsoever it may concern

1. The US Caribbean Sea was designated as Emission Control Area (ECA) vide amendments to MARPOL Annex VI through Resolution MEPC.202(62).
2. In accordance with Regulation 14.7 of MARPOL Annex VI, with effect from 1 January 2014, all ships operating within the US Caribbean Sea ECA shall only use fuel oil with sulphur content not exceeding 1.00% m/m, and from 1 January 2015, fuel with sulphur content not exceeding 0.10% m/m.
3. Shipowners and operators are advised to ensure that the absolute sulphur content of fuel oil used onboard ships does not exceed the limits as required under Regulation 14.4 of MARPOL Annex VI. and to properly maintain clear entries in the Oil Record Book and ensure the BDN is in good order as documentary proof of vessel's compliance to the requirements. For ships using separate fuel oils to comply with the ECA requirements, proper changeover procedures for entry into an ECA shall be carried and implemented in accordance to Regulation 14.6 of MARPOL Annex VI.
4. Please find attached Circular MEPC.1/Circ.755. giving the exact coordinates and map of the US Caribbean Sea ECA.

Enclosure:

1. MEPC.1/Circ.755

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