



Technical Circular

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Subject: Panama Merchant Marine Notice reg. South Korea Establishes an Emission Control Area for Ships

- Republic of Panama has issued a merchant marine notice MMN-04/2020 providing information on establishment of an Emission Control Area for ships by South Korea.
- Korean Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries had introduced a vessel speed reduction program from December 2019, as an effort to reduce fine dust from ships.
- Under this program, South Korea has offered an incentive on port entry and departure fees to certain types of ships that voluntarily reduces their speed within 20 nautical miles of the following ports:
 1. Busan
 2. Ulsan
 3. Yeosu
 4. Gwangyang and
 5. Incheon.
- Also, a new regional Emission Control Area (ECA) will be created in ports of Incheon, Pyeongtaek and Dangjin, Yeosu and Gwangyang, Busan and Ulsan where from 01st September 2020 vessels at a berth will be required to consume fuel oil with Sulphur content of not more than 0.10% m/m. This may be extended to include the entire port areas from 1st January 2022.
- The above requirements are applicable concurrently with the fuel oil sulphur limits prescribed by Regulations 14 of MARPOL Annex VI.
- Ship owners/ operators and masters are advised to take note of above and be guided by the attached merchant marine notice.

Enclosure:

- Panama Merchant Marine Notice MMN-04/2020



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