

Engineering Circular No. 99

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Sub ; - Prevention of Air Pollution ; Percentage of Sulphur content used on Board ships

Purpose

1 This circular is issued to draw to the attention of all stake holders to take adequate measures to comply with the amendments to the Annex VI of the Protocol of 1997 to amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 (MARPOL 73/78) relating thereto, as Fuel Oil Availability and Quality meeting the requirement of fuel necessary to comply with the given requirement under Regulation 14 is to be ensured prior to implementation of the revised Annex VI.

2 The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 58) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has approved amendments to the MARPOL Annex VI regulations to reduce harmful emissions from ships and subsequently shall enter into force on 1 July 2010.

Application

3 Regulation 14 of MARPOL Annex VI addresses compliance with SOx through the sulphur content of the fuel oils to be used.

For the Global Cap, the sulphur content limits are as follows:

- 1 4.5% prior to 1 January 2012
- 2 3.5% on and after 1 January 2012
- 3 0.50% on and 1 January 2020

For the Emission Control Areas, the sulphur content will be as follows

- 1 1.5% prior to 1 July 2010
- 2 1.00% on and after 1 July 2010
- 3 0.10% on and after 1 January 2015

The sulphur content of the fuel referred above shall be documented by its supplier.

This issues with the approval of the Chief Surveyor to the Government of India.

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