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### Local Maritime Direction – No 023 (To be read in conjunction with LMD 022)

To: Owners, operators, managers, agents, bunker fuel suppliers and traders

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## Reminder Global 0.50% Sulphur Cap

### References:

Local Maritime Direction – 022 Sulphur Content in Marine Fuels  
Directive (EU) 2016/802 (Codified Council Directive 1999/32/EC as amended)  
MARPOL Annex VI  
IMO MEPC.259 (68)  
IMO MEPC.320 (74)  
IMO MEPC.321 (74)  
IMO MEPC.1/Circ.878

The Gibraltar Maritime Administration wishes to remind local operators that as from 1st January 2020, MARPOL Annex VI requires all fuel used on board ships to have a sulphur content not exceeding 0.5% m/m unless the ship has an equivalent means of compliance e.g. Exhaust Gas Cleaning System.

The global sulphur content limits for marine fuels will therefore be reduced from the current 3.5% m/m to 0.5% m/m.

Within Emission Control Areas (ECAs) the limit remains unchanged at 0.1% m/m sulphur content.

In addition to this, it is prohibited to carry fuel oil with a sulphur content exceeding 0.5% m/m after 1 March 2020 unless an equivalent means of compliance (e.g. EGCS) is fitted to the ship.

Port State Control (PSC) Gibraltar will check the IAPP certificate, together with the Bunker Delivery Notes (BDNs), filed on board. If there are “clear grounds” to do so, PSC may conduct a more detailed inspection, including on-board sampling or analysing of the MARPOL sample following the BDN.

Using non-compliant fuel without scrubbers in use, or failing to provide the necessary evidence that fuel oil was not available at the port of bunkering (Fuel Oil Non-Availability Report [FONAR]), may result in enforcement actions being taken.

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