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To: **MARINE COMMITTEE**

Copy: **Environment Sub-Committee**
All Full and Associate Members (for information)

LIST OF PORTS AND SEA AREAS THAT HAVE PROHIBITED THE USE OF OPEN LOOP SCRUBBERS

Action Required: *Members are invited to note the information on the list of ports around the world that have prohibited the use of open loop exhaust gas cleaning systems (scrubbers) and to forward it to their member companies for immediate attention. Members are also invited to update the Secretariat about any other ports that their member companies identify as prohibiting the use of this technology.*

Members are aware of the IMO Global sulphur cap of 0.50% sulphur applicable to all marine fuels as from 1st January 2020. Members will also be aware that in addition to using compliant fuel to meet this requirement, there also exists the option to use “equivalent” compliance mechanisms in accordance with Regulation 4 of MARPOL Annex VI, one of which is the use of Exhaust Gas Cleaning System (EGCS) commonly known as Scrubbers.

It has come to the Secretariat’s attention that a growing number of ports around the world have unilaterally decided to prohibit the use of scrubbers using the “open loop” system in and around some or all of the ports in their jurisdiction. In the open loop system, the wastewater formed after the exhaust gas cleaning process is treated and discharged back into the sea.

Based on initial feedback received from Members, the Secretariat has compiled the below list of known ports and sea areas that have prohibited the use of open loop scrubbers.

COUNTRY	PORT/SEA AREA
Belgium	Antwerp
China	All ports and rivers
	Bohai Rim DECA
Denmark	Aalborg
	Frederecia
	Kalundborg
Finland	Porvoo
France	Port Jerome
	Seine River
	Le Havre
	Ambes
Germany	Weser ports
	Elbe ports
	Kiel canal ports
	Rostock
Gibraltar	Gibraltar
Italy	Ravenna
Latvia	Ventspils
Lithuania	Klaipeda
Norway	Glomfjord
Portugal	Lisbon
Russia	Primorsk
	St. Petersburg
Singapore	Singapore
Spain	Algeciras
	Cartagena
	Huelva
Sweden	Brofjorden
	Gavle
	Norrkoping
	Umea
	Sundsvall
	Skelleftehamn
United Kingdom	Finnart
	Hull

Members are invited to bring this information to the immediate attention of their member companies. Members are also requested to inform the Secretariat about any additional ports that their member companies have identified as prohibiting the use of open loop scrubbers.

Any further information or feedback regarding this matter should be forwarded to the undersigned (sunil.krishnakumar@ics-shipping.org)

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