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<p>TITLE</p>	<p>REGULATION ON THE SULPHUR CONTENT OF FUEL OIL WITHIN CHINA DOMESTIC EMISSION CONTROL AREAS</p>			<p>Issue No 04/2019 Issue Date 08 MARCH 2019</p>

To All Shipowners and Ships Managers of Malaysian Vessels,

1. The China Maritime Safety Administration (MSA) has issued new regulation on the sulphur content of fuel oil within their Domestic Emission Control Areas (DECAs).
2. This new regulation will become effective starting from 01 January 2019.

Applicable Date	Requirements
From 1 January 2019	The sulphur content of fuel oil used on board should not exceed 0.5% m/m when operating within DECAs.
From 1 January 2020	The sulphur content of fuel oil used on board should not exceed 0.1% m/m when operating within inland river control area.
From 1 March 2020	Vessels which do not use alternative arrangements should load and use fuel oil as required in the regulation when operating within DECAs.
From 1 January 2022	The sulphur content of fuel oil used on board should not exceed 0.1% m/m when operating within coastal control area in Hainan waters.

Table 1: Requirements of the regulations on the sulphur content of fuel oil

3. In addition, discharge from scrubbers is prohibited in the following areas:
 - a) the port area of the Coastal Control Area (within 12 nautical miles of China coast);
 - b) the inland river control area (regulated waters of Yangtze River and Xijiang River); and
 - c) the Bohai area.
4. Starting from 01 July 2019, existing vessels (except for tankers) fitted with onboard devices for using shore power are required to use shore power when berthing at locations which have shore power supply capabilities inside the coastal emission control area for more than 3 hours, or inside the inland river emission control area for more than 2 hours except when using other alternative or equivalent measures.

Supply	Coastal	River
Gen Set	0 – 3 hours	0 – 2 hours
Shore Power	> 3 hours	> 2 hours

Table 2: Ship berthing requirements

5. As such, all owners and/or shipping agents are advised to ensure full compliance with the relevant requirements when operation in China water.
6. The URL of the translated circular can be found as below.
https://drive.google.com/open?id=1IYu4zCkQ13jZyDold008xJIW_e7qny8d

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