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Subject: **Directive (EU) 2016/802 – sulphur content of certain liquid fuels**

To : All Accredited Shipping Managers, ship owners, ship operators, Designated Persons Ashore and Masters of Luxembourg flagged ships.

Directive (EU) 2016/802 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 concerning the reduction in the sulphur content of certain liquid fuels lays down the maximum permitted sulphur content of heavy fuel oil, gas oil, marine gas oil and marine diesel oil used in the European Union with the aim to reduce the air pollution in the form of Sulphur dioxide.

Article 6 of the directive sets the maximum sulphur content of marine fuels used in territorial seas, Exclusive Economic Zones and pollution control zones of EU member States while article 7 sets the maximum sulphur content of marine fuels used by ships at berth in EU ports.

Ships may however be allowed by EU coastal States to use emission abatement methods in line with the Annex II of the directive (see article 8) if the reduction of sulphur dioxide emissions achieved are continuously at least equivalent to the reductions that would be achieved by using marine fuels that meet the requirements of articles 6 and 7 of the directive.

Operators of ships flying the Luxembourg flag are therefore requested to communicate to the Commissariat aux affaires maritimes the following information:

- are you operating a Luxembourg flagged vessel using the emission abatement methods mentioned in Annex II of the directive?

If the answer to this first question is yes, please complete with the following details for each individual ship:

- the method used (mixture of marine fuel and boil-off gas, exhaust gas cleaning system, biofuels or LNG)
- how it is verified and monitored that the emission abatement methods continuously achieve reduction of sulphur dioxide emissions in accordance with article 8(2) and Annex I of the directive

Please be advised that we expect mandatory replies to these questions before the end of February 2018.



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