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## REGULATION ON REDUCTION OF SULPHUR RATE IN SOME TYPES OF FUEL OILS IN TERRITORIAL WATERS OF REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

The following changes have been made on "*Regulation on Reduction of Sulphur Rate in Some Types of Fuel Oils*" by "*Regulation Amending the Regulation on Reduction of Sulphur Rate in Some Types of Fuel Oils*" with the decision number 2009/15667:

Before Revision	After Revision
<b>ARTICLE 5</b> <b>(1)</b> Middle distillate product containing sulphur of more than 0.1% by mass shall not be used	<b>ARTICLE 5</b> <b>(1)</b> The following products containing sulphur of more than 0.1% by mass shall not be used: <b>a)</b> Middle Distillate Product <b>b)</b> I. Group marine diesel fuel
<b>ARTICLE 7</b> <b>(1)</b> All the necessary measures shall be taken to prevent use of marine fuels containing sulphur of more than 0.1% by mass by the following vessels	<b>ARTICLE 7</b> <b>(1)</b> Marine fuels containing sulphur of more than 0.1% by mass shall not be used by the following vessels
<b>TEMPORARY ARTICLE 2</b> <b>(1)</b> The third paragraph of Article 6, first paragraph of Article 7 and third paragraph of Article 10 of this Regulation shall be applied by the date of European Union membership of Republic of Turkey.	<b>TEMPORARY ARTICLE 2</b> <b>(1)</b> The subparagraph (b) of first paragraph of Article 5, third paragraph of Article 6, first paragraph of Article 7 and third paragraph of Article 10 of this Regulation shall be applied by the date 01.01.2012.

According to the latest revision of "*Regulation on Reduction of Sulphur Rate in Some Types of Fuel Oils*":

1. No marine fuel with sulphur content more than 1.5% by mass is permitted on ECA/SECA zones as defined either by Republic of Turkey or by MARPOL Annex-VI. (No ECA/SECA Zone is defined by Turkish Authority yet)
2. By the date 1st of January 2012, all of the passenger ships engaged in regular voyages shall use marine fuels with sulphur content not more than 1.5% by mass on jurisdiction areas and defined emission control areas of Republic of Turkey. This is valid for all vessels including the vessels started their voyage out of Turkish territorial waters, regardless of their flag.
3. As an entry requirement to Turkish ports, all of the vessels, regardless of their flag, shall have their journals recorded regularly and correctly, including fuel changeover operations.
4. Inland vessels and all the vessels at berth, regardless of their flag, shall use marine fuels with sulphur content not more than 0.1% by mass, by 1st of January 2012.

As a summary;

- 1.** The limitation of marine fuels 0,1% by mass shall be applied to all inland vessels and the vessels at berth, regardless of their flag, by the date 1st of January 2012. Unless any other application decision will be specified by the Administration, it is understood that the existing Regulation shall also be applied to all of the transit vessels waiting at anchorage for passage of straits.
- 2.** The limitation of marine fuels 1,5% by mass shall be applied to all passenger vessels engaged in regular voyages, regardless of their flag and the starting port of voyage, by the date 1st of January 2012.
- 3.** Control and sampling activities for the use of marine fuels shall be carried out by the relevant General Directorates of Ministry of Transportation, Maritime Affairs and Communications of Republic of Turkey.
- 4.** Transit passenger vessels engaged in regular voyages, sailing through territorial waters of Republic of Turkey and transit vessels waiting at anchorage for passage of straits, unless they have impaired their status of transit passage, are exempted from the Regulation.
- 5.** In case of violation of the provisions of the relevant Regulation, relevant provisions of Environmental Law dated 9/8/1983 with no.2872 shall be applied.

**The vessels at berth** is defined as the vessels connected or anchored safely during loading, unloading and layover operations or during the times without any load operation, inside the port boundaries.

The conditions of vessels berthed less than 2 hours according to the published tariff, the inland vessels, having certificate of compliance with the latest SOLAS 1974 Convention, navigating at sea and the vessels at berth, having their engines/fuel-consumers switched off and being supplied by their electricity shore connection are exempted.

According to the Regulation, all the fuel changeover operations of vessels at berth to be recorded to the journal, the vessels shall changeover as soon as possible after arriving the port and as late as possible before leaving the port. The time required will be provided by the Administration.

**Inland vessels** are defined as all kind of vessels being used for cargo and passenger transportation on natural and artificial lakes, reservoirs, seal-fisheries and rivers of Turkey, including fishing vessels.

You can see the final version of the Regulation (in Turkish) by the following link:

<http://www.mevzuat.adalet.gov.tr/html/30020.html>

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