



Statement of the Marine Fuels Platform

Ahead of the IMO PPR 6 meeting (18-22 February 2019)

A consistent and scientifically sound approach on the verification of the sulphur content of fuels

The Marine Fuels Platform members support the adoption of uniform, clear and easily enforceable measures to facilitate global compliance with the global sulphur cap. This is essential to promote alignment amongst all Parties to the Convention, for a consistent implementation of the global sulphur limit.

In the context of the ongoing debate on the sulphur verification methodology, the Marine Fuels Platform members support to have the same verification procedure for the MARPOL samples as for the in-use samples: the 95% confidence principle should be used when assessing compliance for all samples. This will ensure a consistent and scientifically sound approach, whereby on the one hand, it is clear that only fuels with a sulphur content less or equal to 0.50% can be used. But on the other hand, ships should not be subject to enforcement actions when the accepted test method used to establish the sulphur level does not confirm with reasonable certainty that the fuel has a sulphur content above 0.50%

In determining the specification conformance status of fuels sampled on board the ship, the principles embedded in ISO 4259-2:2017 should be applied, ensuring clarity and fairness on the verification process, and consistency with commercial practice.

The Marine Fuels Platform members want to stress that a verification of the sulphur content procedure should not lead to a situation where ships would be expected to order fuel with a sulphur specification below 0.50%. This would not be acceptable and not helpful in assuring sufficient supply of compliant fuel.

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About us: The main scope of the platform would be to underline the importance of a consistent and effective implementation of IMO's decision in all regions of the world.

Global compliance with IMO's decision on the implementation of a global sulphur limit in marine fuels is needed to avoid competitive distortions that may result from uneven implementation of the global sulphur cap. In addition, a platform amongst associations supplying marine fuel to the market is an adequate way to create awareness and to address advocacy messages to the issue in the different parts of the world.

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