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Latest development on ECA issue in China

Ministry of Transport (MOT) issued a new regulation regarding setting of Three Emission Control Areas (ECA) in Pearl River Delta, Yangtze River Delta and Bohai-rim Waters.

1. Yangtze River Delta

From 1st April 2016, Vessels call port including Shanghai, Ningbo-Zhoushan, Suzhou and Nantong, in Yangtze river, are required to use fuel with less than or equal to 0.5% of the Sulphur content. The detailed regulation and rules for implementing of such request will depend on official notification issued by the port authority.

2. Pearl River Delta

Insofar, there is no such adoption for ports within the Pearl River Delta as per the local port authority.

3. Bohai-rim Waters

Insofar, there is no intention for the port authorities to impose a higher standard at key ports in Bohai-rim Waters.

However, Owners are recommended to be reminded the standard, i.e. use fuel with less than or equal to 0.5% of the Sulphur content when vessels call Shanghai, Ningbo-Zhoushan, Suzhou and Nantong as from 1st April, 2016.

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