

Circular From SWEDISH**Date: 4 March 2020****IMO Sulphur Cap status from Suez Canal Authority**

Ships passing Suez Canal cannot discharge any waste water from open loop cleaning system, whilst the use of ordinary exhaust system is allowed, according to latest information from Suez Canal Authority (SCA).

The information refers to [Circular 8 2019](#) from SCA regarding the consideration of using fuel oil with low Sulphur content in accordance with MARPOL Annex VI during transit from Suez Canal. Here the SCA stated:

“You are kindly advised that Suez Canal Authority puts no conditions or restrictions on fuel oil or Open-loop exhaust Gas cleaning systems until ratification of MARPOL Annex VI by Arab Republic of Egypt. This is also in consistence with the obligation that Wash water resulting from exhaust gas cleaning systems shall not be discharged into water during vessels transit of Suez Canal.”

In the latest [clarification](#) from 12 January 2020, SCA confirms that ships passing Suez Canal cannot discharge any waste water from open loop cleaning system, whilst the use of ordinary exhaust system is allowed.

Source of Information: The Swedish P&I Club