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Israel Imposes 0.10% Fuel Sulphur Limit In Ports

Members with ships calling at Israeli ports are advised that from 23 February 2023 a sulphur cap of 0.10% m/m will be imposed while the vessels are at-berth or in designated anchorages.

Alternative compliance methods like utilisation of closed-loop scrubbers or exhaust gas cleaning system (EGCS) with dedicated tanks to hold and treat resulting wastewater, and use of electric shore connection (available at Bay-port) will be considered as acceptable.

The attached official notice issued by the State of Israel Ministry of Transport provides guidance on reporting non-availability of compliant fuel (FONAR system). It also confirms that discharging of wash water from open-loop EGCS (scrubber) is prohibited while the ship is at-berth or in anchorage area.

This requirement is being announced on the back of the recent designation of the [Mediterranean Sea Emission Control Area](#) which was recently adopted at [IMO's MEPC-79 meeting](#) (12-16 December 2022) but will only be implemented from 1 May 2025, and aligns Israel with a similar EU directive for vessels at-berth ([Directive \(EU\) 2016/802](#)).

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