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To the Members

Dear Sirs,

China – Establishment of Emission Control Areas (ECA) (No.10)

Members are kindly requested to refer to the recent Japan P&I News [No.919](#) dated 11 September 2017. We have obtained an update from Huatai Insurance Agency & Consultant Services Ltd., our correspondent in Beijing, China.

● **Yangtze River ECA**

In addition to implementation of the low sulphur fuel requirement as from 1 September 2017 at all ports in Zhejiang ECA, Jiangsu Maritime Safety Agency (which has jurisdiction over the northern part of Yangtze River ECA) issued a notice on 12 September 2017 to announce that such low sulphur fuel requirement was implemented on 1 September 2017 at all ports in Jiangsu ECA, too. This means that such low sulphur requirement has now been implemented at all ports in Yangtze River ECA since 1 September 2017.

In consideration of the preparatory time period necessary for ships to cope with the requirement, ships berthing at ports within Jiangsu ECA which violate the above requirement are subject to warning education and correction of breaches for the first four months since the implementation date of this notice (1 September 2017), except for those ships berthing at Nanjing and Nantong ports area.

In this connection, we would like to call the Members' special attention to the grace period of 2 months as from 1 September given for Zhejiang ECA different from that for Jiangsu ECA.

● **Schedule of implementation of the low sulphur fuel requirement in ECA**

In order for owners to better understand the implementation of low sulphur fuel requirement within Bohai-rim waters ECA, Yangtze River Delta ECA and Pearl River Delta ECA, we hereby updated below timetable in line with the local authority's latest requirements for your kind reference:

Time	Sulphur Content Requirement	Applicable Area / Time Period
Until 31.12.2017	\leq 0.5% m/m	<u>Geographical area:</u> Key ports in Pearl Delta ECA & Bohai-rim ECA <u>Time period:</u> Berthing period excluding 1 hour after berthing & 1 hour before departure
From 1.9.2017 to 31.12.2018	\leq 0.5% m/m	<u>Geographical area:</u> All ports in Yangtze River Delta ECA <u>Time period:</u> Berthing period excluding 1 hour after berthing & 1 hour before departure
From 1.1.2018 to 31.12.2018	\leq 0.5% m/m	<u>Geographical area:</u> All ports in 3 ECAs (Bohai-rim, Yangtze River & Pearl River) <u>Time period:</u> Berthing period excluding 1 hour after berthing & 1 hour before departure
From 1.1.2019 to 31.12.2019	\leq 0.5% m/m	<u>Geographical area:</u> Whole areas of 3 ECAs <u>Time period:</u> Whole period when the ship is in the ECAs

Yours faithfully,

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Attachment: The Circular issued by Huatai Insurance Agency & Consultant Service Ltd. as of
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HUATAI INSURANCE AGENCY & CONSULTANT SERVICE LTD.

Circular Ref No.: PNI1711

Date: 21 Sep 2017

Dear Sir or Madam,

Subject: Follow-Up Update on Low Sulphur Fuel Requirement to be implemented in All Ports within Yangtze River ECA from 01 Sep 2017

Reference is made to our latest Circular (Ref No.: PNI 1710) on 31 August 2017 regarding the implementation of Low sulphur fuel requirement at all ports within Zhejiang ECA. On 12.09.2017, Jiangsu MSA issued a formal notice which advised that as from 01.09.2017, ships berthing (excluding one hour after berth and one hour before departure) at all ports within Jiangsu ECA are required to use low sulphur contents fuel. We hereby summarized below key points for your kind reference:

1. Applicable Sea area:

1) Sea Water

Sea areas of Jiangsu Province from the north of the shoreline junction point of Jiangsu Province and Shanghai city to the south of shoreline junction point of Nantong and Yancheng.

2) Inland water

Navigable waters under the administrative jurisdiction of 8 cities including Nanjing, Zhenjiang, Yangzhou, Taizhou, Nantong, Changzhou, Wuxi and Suzhou.

2. Requirements:

a. As from 01.09.2017, all ships berthing (excluding one hour after berthing and one hour before departure) at all ports within above applicable area are required to use fuel with sulphur contents not exceeding 5000mg/Kg, excluding ships or crafts to be used for military or sporting purpose and fishing boats.

b. Inland water ships and river-to-sea ships are required to use diesel oil that meet with GB 252 standard and are prohibited to use residual oil and heavy oil. Ocean ships are required to satisfy relevant standard in accordance with international treaties which China entered into as well as the implementation details issued by Jiangsu authorities.

c. In consideration of the time period of changing the oil system and

transforming the alternative measures, ships berthing at ports within Jiangsu ECA which violate the above requirement are subject to warning education and correction of breaches during first four months since the implementation date of this Notice, except for those ships berthing at Nanjing and Nantong ports area.

d. Ships are allowed to take alternative measures with equivalent effect such as connecting shore power, using clean energy, arranging after-treatment of exhaust, etc.

3. Local MSA and Communications Department will enhance supervision of calling ships in this respect.

Up to now, ships berthing (excluding 1 hour after berthing and 1 hour before departure) at **all ports within Yangtze River ECA** are required to use low sulphur content fuel (not exceeding 0.5%*m/m*) as from 01.09.2017.

In order for owners to better understand the implementation of low sulphur fuel requirement within Bohai rim waters ECA, Yangtze River Delta ECA and Pearl River Delta ECA, we hereby updated below timetable in line with the local authority's newest requirement at this stage for your kind reference:

Timetable for Implementing the Requirements on Fuel Sulfur Content

Time	Sulfur Content Requirement	Applicable Area
Until 31.12.2017	≤0.5% <i>m/m</i>	Geographical area: key ports in Pearl Delta ECA and Bohai-rim ECA Time period: berthing period excluding 1 hour after berthing and 1 hour before departure
from 01.09.2017 to 31.12.2018	≤0.5% <i>m/m</i>	Geographical area: all ports in Yangtze River Delta ECA Time period: berthing period excluding 1 hour after berthing and 1 hour before departure
from 2018.1.1 to 2018.12.31	≤0.5% <i>m/m</i>	Geographical area: all ports in three ECAs Time period: berthing period excluding 1 hour after berthing and 1 hour before departure
from 2019.1.1 to 2019.12.31	≤0.5% <i>m/m</i>	Geographical area: whole area of ECAs Time period: whole period when the ship is in the ECAs

Hope the above is assistance. Should you have any query, please feel free to let us know.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the Chinese characters '崔吉宇' (Cui Jiyu).

Cui Jiyu
Vice President