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## Introduction

On 27 October 2016 IMO's 70<sup>th</sup> Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) confirmed to implement the 0.50%wt. global sulphur limit outside of Emission Control Areas (ECAs) as of 1 January 2020.

Concerns raised about the implementation of the global sulphur cap, led to a request from MEPC70 to consider a work item proposal by the Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR) subcommittee to develop justified additional measures that may be developed to promote consistent implementation of the 0.50%wt. global sulphur limit.

## FuelsEurope position

FuelsEurope acknowledges the decision taken by the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) on 27 October 2016 to implement the 0.50%wt. global sulphur limit as of 1 January 2020.

FuelsEurope notices that concerns have been raised about the implementation of the global sulphur cap, leading to a request from the MEPC to consider a work item proposal by the Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR) subcommittee to develop justified additional measures that may be developed to promote consistent implementation of the 0.50%wt global sulphur limit.

FuelsEurope invites PPR and MEPC71 to consider as part of this work item, following recommendations:

- Ensure a level playing field (e.g. not selectively easing the burden on suppliers and obligated parties in one region versus others, avoiding introducing new distortions into oil markets).
- A need for uniform, clear and easily enforceable measures (e.g. standardized formats for fuel non-availability reports) for the purpose of achieving compliance with the regulation by all actors and in every part of the world.
- Avoid dilution of the environmental benefits (e.g. always obliging the use of compliant fuel when close to shore or in port).
- Any proposal/guidelines/regulations should be defined well in advance of 1 January 2020 to give administrations and stakeholders time to implement.

### FuelsEurope, the voice of the European petroleum refining industry

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