During the past years, the EU recorded a rise in marine gasoil consumption at the expense of fuel oil. The alternatives to meeting the new International Maritime Organisation (IMO) emissions limits are a switch to LNG or using scrubbers.

The global demand for marine fuel is mainly met by fuel oil (75.5%). Gasoil only represents 24.5% of the market.

The new limits for sulphur content of marine fuels drastically change the market with a massive demand for low sulphur distillates, which required major refinery investments.