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THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: LOW SULFUR FUEL REQUIREMENTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED AS OF JANUARY 1, 2018

Reference is made to Circular 44/15 of December 15, 2015, [The People's Republic of China: Designation of Emission Control Areas \(ECAs\)](#), and Member Alerts, [Emission Control Areas \(ECAs\) for the People's Republic of China: Port of Shanghai](#), of March 3, 2016, [Low Sulfur Fuel Requirement for Ports in the People's Republic of China](#), of December 21, 2016, [The People's Republic of China: Low Sulfur Fuel Requirements from September 1, 2017](#) of September 1, 2017, and [The People's Republic of China, Hainan: Notice Regarding Ship Pollution Control Plan](#) of November 29, 2017.

The Zhejiang Maritime Safety Agency (MSA) and the Jiangsu MSA have issued formal notices regarding the implementation of low sulfur fuel requirements at all ports within their respective sulfur Emission Control Areas (ECAs). According to the prior notice issued by China Ministry of Transport (MOT) on December 2, 2015, ships to berth at ports (excluding one hour after berthing and one hour before departure) within three PRC ECAs are required to use fuel with sulfur contents $\leq 0.5\%$ m/m as from January 1, 2018. As the deadline for above is approaching, we hereby summarized below timetable in order to remind owners to make appropriate preparations for the following ECAs.

Date	Sulfur Content Requirement	Applicable ECA	Time Period
1-Jan-18	$\leq 0.5\%$ m/m	Bohai-rim waters ECAs, including Dalian, Yingkou, Panjin, Jinzhou, Huludao, Qinghuangdao, Tangshan, Tianjin, Cangzhou, Binzhou, Dongying, Weifang, Yantai	Berthing period excluding one hour after berthing and one hour before departure
		Yangtze River Delta ECA, including Nanjing, Zhenjiang Yangzhou, Taizhou, Nantong, Changzhou, Wuxi, Suzhou, Shanghai, Jiading, Huzhou, Hangzhou, Shaoxing, Ningbo, Zhoushan and Taizhou	
		Pearl River Delta ECA, including Guangzhou, Dongguan, Huizhou, Shenzhen, Zhuhai, Zhongshan, Foshan, Jiangmen and Zhaoqing	
1-Jan-19	$\leq 0.5\%$ m/m	Whole area of all three ECAs	Whole period when the ship is in ECA

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