



## KENYA MARITIME AUTHORITY

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### **NATIONAL GUIDELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF IMO2020 - USE OF FUEL OIL OF LESS THAN 0.5%MASS/MASS SULPHUR CONTENT BY SHIP**

Kenya is a signatory to the International Convention on Prevention of Marine Pollution by Ship (MARPOL Convention 73/78). Under the MARPOL Convention 73/78, ships are required from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to use fuel oil of sulphur content not exceeding 0.5% mass/mass unless abatement technology are installed onboard to reduce sulphur oxides in the engine emission. The new requirement is a significant change from the fuels used by ship which were allowed to have sulphur content up to 3.5%mass/mass prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

This new measure is aimed at reducing the effect of acid rains on crops and structure in addition to improving air quality and consequently avert respiratory diseases and deaths of human beings.

In order to ensure effective implementation of this measure, Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) in collaboration with government agencies developed a national guideline which was reviewed and adopted by stakeholders. The guideline set out a multi-agency common approach in ensuring effectiveness and efficient implementation of the new measure by both international and domestic ships. In addition, the guideline states Kenya's position in dealing with wash water from ship scrubbers by prohibiting discharge while the ship is within the Kenyan ports limit.

All ship agents, ship owners, ships masters, ship managers, marine fuel oil suppliers should familiarize themselves with the contents of the guideline and ensure compliance.

The guideline is available on KMA website, [www.kma.go.ke](http://www.kma.go.ke).

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