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NOTICE TO MARINERS

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MARPOL ANNEX VI - 2020 MARINE FUEL OIL SULPHUR CAP

As part of her commitment to the protection of the marine environment, the Nigerian Ports Authority wishes to inform all Vessel Owners, Operators, Agents, Charterers, Fuel Bunker Suppliers and Vessel Crew, that effective 1st April 2021, the Port Authority will commence the enforcement of MARPOL Annex VI regulation in line with the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Convention on Sulphur limit on marine bunker fuel oil.

Kindly note that from this date, ships within the nation's territorial waters are prohibited from carriage on board or use of marine fuel oil with a sulphur content exceeding 0.5% m/m, unless an equivalent means of compliance is fitted to the ship and all documents supporting the adopted alternative measures must meet the equivalent requirements set out in Article 4 of MARPOL Annex VI.

Use of Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems (EGCS) as an equivalence abatement measure under MARPOL Annex VI Regulation 4.1 is acceptable, provided it is approved by a Recognised Organisation (RO) in accordance with the IMO guidelines within MEPC.259(68). Please note that while within the nation's territorial waters, ships fitted with hybrid type of scrubbers shall switch to the closed-loop mode of operation, while ships fitted with open-loop scrubbers shall switch over to complaint fuel oil as discharge of its wash-water (scrubber sludge) is prohibited within the nation's waterways and by extension all the Pilotage Districts.

Ships reporting non-availability of complaint fuel oil are required to submit a Fuel Oil Non-Availability Report (FONAR) to the Harbour Master of the nearest Nigerian Port 24 hours before arrival, and a copy of which shall be submitted to the Ports Authority's Environment Department during compliance inspection. The report should include:

- i. Record of actions taken to bunker compliant fuel oil before arrival at the port
- ii. An evidence of attempt to purchase complaint fuel oil in accordance with its voyage plan.

Kindly ensure that all documents related to MARPOL Annex VI are complete and up-to-date before arrival at the port.

Contravention of any of the provisions of this regulation will attract a penalty of Two Thousand US Dollars only (US\$2,000).

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