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**Applicable to:** Shipowners, ship managers, operators, agents and masters of Singapore-registered ships

**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE 82<sup>nd</sup> SESSION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE (MEPC 82) OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMO)**

1. This circular informs the shipping community of the resolutions adopted by MEPC 82<sup>1</sup> and urges the shipping community to prepare for the implementation of these resolutions.

2. **MEPC 82** adopted the following mandatory resolutions:

- a. [Resolution MEPC.392\(82\)](#) – **Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI (Designation of the Canadian Arctic and the Norwegian Sea as Emission Control Areas for Nitrogen Oxides, Sulphur Oxides and Particulate Matter, as appropriate)**

*This resolution adopts amendments to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocols of 1978 and 1997 relating thereto (MARPOL), Annex VI, to designate the Canadian Arctic and the Norwegian Sea as Emission Control Areas (ECA) for Nitrogen Oxides, Sulphur Oxides and Particulate Matter. The amendments will enter into force on **01 March 2026** and will be given effect through amendments to the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Air Pollution) Regulations 2022.*

*The Canadian Arctic ECA will be applicable to ships constructed on or after 01 January 2025, while the Norwegian Sea ECA will be applicable to ships constructed on or after 01 March 2026, including a “three dates criteria” of date of building contract; keel laying date; and delivery date, to be reflected as amendments to the Supplement to International Air Pollution Prevention Certificate (IAPP Certificate).*

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<sup>1</sup> MEPC 82 was held from 30 September 2024 to 04 October 2024.

3. **MEPC 82** also adopted the following resolutions:

- a. [Resolution MEPC.393\(82\)](#) – **Guidance On Best Practice On Recommendatory Goal-Based Control Measures To Reduce The Impact On The Arctic Of Black Carbon Emissions From International Shipping**

*This resolution adopts Guidance on best practice on recommendatory goal-based control measures to reduce the impact on the Arctic of Black Carbon emissions from international shipping. It is intended to assist ship operators/companies in their efforts to reduce Black Carbon emissions from their ships operating in or near the Arctic in measurable and concrete ways.*

- b. [Resolution MEPC.394\(82\)](#) – **Guidelines On Recommendatory Black Carbon Emission Measurement, Monitoring And Reporting**

*This resolution adopts Guidelines on recommendatory Black Carbon emission measurement, monitoring and reporting. It specifies recommendations for the measurement, monitoring and reporting of Black Carbon emissions data from marine diesel engines or exhaust gas treatment systems, in combination or individually, to enhance development of recommendations and regulations to reduce the impact on the Arctic of Black Carbon emissions.*

- c. [Resolution MEPC.395\(82\)](#) – **2024 Guidelines For The Development Of A Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan (SEEMP)**

*This resolution adopts the 2024 Guidelines for the development of a SEEMP to have a more consistent methodology for fuel oil reporting, taking into account the data collected in the IMO Ship Fuel Oil Consumption Database (IMO DCS) thus far. This resolution revokes Resolution MEPC.346(78).*

- d. [Resolution MEPC.396\(82\)](#) – **Designation Of The Nusa Penida Islands And Gili Matra Islands In Lombok Strait As A Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA)**

*This resolution designates the Nusa Penida Islands and Gili Matra Islands in Lombok Strait as a PSSA, with the Associated Protective Measures (APMs) being the previously established Traffic Separation Scheme (TSS) which entered into force on 01 July 2019.*

4. Any queries relating to this circular should be directed to MPA Shipping Division via email at [shipping@mpa.gov.sg](mailto:shipping@mpa.gov.sg).
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