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**FOBAS Update:** 2020 – What's Your Plan?  
**Applicability:** All ship owners and operators

Since the landmark decision made during MEPC 70 to implement the 0.50% sulphur limit on marine fuels in-use from 1 January 2020 for ships operating outside Sulphur Emission Control Areas (ECA-SOx), there has been a constant flow of information on various aspects of the consistent implementation of the regulation. Several market surveys indicate that the majority of ship owners and operators intend to comply with the MARPOL Annex VI regulation 14.1.3 by burning 0.50% Very Low Sulphur Fuel Oil (VLSFO). Lloyds Register FOBAS has been at the forefront of these discussions at various forums representing and raising concerns of our clients.

To keep our clients informed and help facilitate the ship operators to get 2020 ready, we have set up a [webpage](#) comprised of a fuel option evaluator and guidance documents. The option evaluator would help assess your possible routes to compliance with the sulphur in fuel oil limit of 0.50% by 2020. Similarly, the guidance document provides key preparatory consideration for ship owners from now until 2020.

*We hope you find the guidance document and option evaluator useful. If you require any further information about this Bulletin, or wish to provide some feedback please contact us at [fobas@lr.org](mailto:fobas@lr.org) or speak to one of our consultants on +44 (0)330 414 1000 (Southampton UK), +44 (0)1642 440991 Redcar (UK), +65 3163 0888 (Singapore), +30 210 4580 874 (Greece).*