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**FOBAS Alert:** EU Implementing Decision (2015/253) taking effect from 1 January 2016

**Applicability:** Ship owners and operators

This bulletin is issued as reminder to ship owners and operators that EU Member States will be implementing the compliance verification and inspection processes defined in the Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2015/253 from 1 January 2016. The primary features of this decision are described along with a link to the full document, in the FOBAS bulletin (below) which was issued earlier this year.



Service Update -  
Demonstrating Sulphur

Ships visiting ports in EU waters in general but particularly those within the Baltic or North Sea ECA-SOx, should expect to be subjected to an increased frequency of sulphur inspections. To prepare for these, and to facilitate the demonstration of the necessary compliance, FOBAS would recommend that operators-

- ensure that all bunker delivery notes for the past 3 years are onboard ship, accessible, and filed in an orderly manner so that they can be readily cross matched to any bunkering entry over that period in the Oil Record Book
- maintain up-to-date records relating to MARPOL Samples, and make those samples available to be released to inspectors on request
- maintain an up-to-date the mandated ship's sulphur log, such as that given in the FOBAS Sulphur Record book, which includes ECA-SOx entry and exit change-over record log forms for completion by the ships' crew
- ensure appropriate dedicated sampling connections are installed in the fuel oil service system (suitably labelled), so that truly representative spot samples of the fuel oil being used can be readily obtained.

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