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Service update: China to implement first emission control measures in Yangtze River Delta emission control area from 1 April, 2016

Applicability: Ship owners and operators

Further to our recent [FOBAS Alert](#), the Chinese Ministry of Transport has issued an update on emission control area requirements which have been summarised in recently published Lloyd's Register's [Class News](#).

The requirements will be implemented in two phases. The first phase comes into effect from 1st April 2016, where ships 'at berth' at the core ports in the Yangtze River Delta (YRD) emission control area must use fuel oil containing 0.5% sulphur or less. The core ports named are Shanghai, Ningbo-Zhoushan, Suzhou, and Nantong. Other steps are voluntary as detailed in the Class News. Implementation of the second phase depends on the outcome of the assessment of the first phase.

No guidance related to any necessary fuel oil change-overs, regarding the records which are to be kept onboard is currently available. However, it's recommended that these be anticipated, at least covering the date and time of arrival and departure at berth, together with the times at which the change-over was completed after arrival and commenced prior to departure, along with retention of the relevant bunker delivery notes of the 0.5% maximum sulphur fuel oils used.

We intend to issue further FOBAS Bulletins when we have more information.

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