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Reporting of ship fuel oil consumption data and procedures for verification thereof

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1 Purpose

This Regulation concerns data that is to be reported to the IMO Ship Fuel Oil Consumption Database every calendar year as of 2019 and the verification of such data in accordance with chapter 7a, section 2b, subsection 1 of the Act on Environmental Protection in Maritime Transport (1672/2009).

2 Scope of application

This Regulation applies to all Finnish ships of 5,000 gross tonnage and above.

The Regulation does not apply to ships with no propulsion machinery of their own. Nevertheless, a combination comprising a push-barge and a power-driven pusher tug is considered a single power-driven ship, provided that the structural design and the coupling system allow the combination to function as a single ship.

The Regulation does not apply to ships of the Defense Forces nor the Frontier Guard, unless they are used regularly in general traffic for the carriage of passengers or cargo.

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this Regulation

- 1) *distance travelled* means a distance referred to in Regulation 2(50) of Annex VI to the MARPOL-73/78 Convention;
- 2) *Verifier* means the Finnish Transport and Communications Agency or a recognized classification society;
- 3) *Company* means a company referred to in Regulation 2(49) of Annex VI to the MARPOL 73/78 Convention.

In addition, the definitions in section 2 in the Act on Environmental Protection in Maritime Transport apply.

4 Verification of ship fuel oil consumption data

4.1 Reported data

Every ship shall submit the following documentation to the Verifier:

- 1) a copy of the ship's Data Collection Plan;
- 2) summaries of bunker delivery notes, in sufficient detail to show that all fuel oil consumed by the ship is accounted for, in a format specified in Appendix 1 to the Annex to IMO Resolution MEPC.292(71);
- 3) summaries of disaggregated data of fuel oil consumption, distance travelled and hours underway, in a format specified in Appendix 2 to the Annex to IMO Resolution MEPC.292(71);
- 4) information to demonstrate that the ship followed its Data Collection Plan, including information on data gaps and how they were filled as well as how the event that caused the data gap was resolved and how data gaps can be prevented in the future.

At the Verifier's request, the ship shall also submit copies of documents containing information on the amount of fuel oil consumption, distance travelled, and hours underway for the ship's voyages during the reporting period (e.g. the ship's official logbook, oil record book, bunker delivery notes, arrival and departure reports, etc.).

In case of change of Company or Administration in a calendar year, the ship shall submit the said documents to the Verifier or the data related to voyages conducted prior to the change of Company or Administration in accordance with chapter 7a, section 2b, subsection 1, paragraph 2 of the Act on Environmental Protection in Maritime Transport.

The data shall be submitted to the Verifier every calendar year, not later than three months after the expiry of the calendar year in question.

4.2 Data storage

The ship shall store the data in accordance with chapter 7a, section 2b, subsection 2 of the Act on Environmental Protection in Maritime Transport.

4.3 Procedures for data verification

In addition to the documentation described in section 4.1, the Verifier may request a ship to submit such documentation needed to perform a comprehensive review of the ship's annual fuel oil consumption, distance travelled, and hours underway. This documentation may be used by the Verifier to confirm consistency of reported data and calculated values, completeness of data (i.e. the ship's operation during the entire calendar year), and the reliability and accuracy of the data.

Should any discrepancy be identified by the Verifier in the reported data, it should be communicated to the Company on a timely basis for correction.

5 Entry into force

This Regulation enters into force on 5 April 2019.

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