“ECA Compliance - Technology Development and Operational Equivalencies as Effective Solutions”

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Air Emissions from Ships

- Principally regulated via the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), Annex VI
- This is a convention developed and adopted by the International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- Both the US and Canada are parties
Air Emissions

- Fuels
- Exhaust Gas Scrubbers
- Shore Power
The U.S./Canadian petition for an ECA was adopted by the IMO and it became enforceable in August 2012. U.S. obtained approval to exempt most steamships from the requirements of the original ECA.

EPA published its related final rulemaking in April 2010.

MARPOL Annex VI provides for emissions control areas (ECA) that restrict sulfur content in fuel:

- 1.5% originally
- 1.0% in July 2010 (August 2012 for North America)
- 0.1% in 2015
- Worldwide sulfur fuel cap of 0.5% in 2020 (subject to 2018 availability review)
NORTH AMERICAN EMISSION CONTROL AREA
Annex VI, Regulation 4 provides for broad equivalencies. Specifically, the existing text provides that the requirements can be met by “any fitting, material, appliance, or apparatus to be fitted in a ship or other procedures, alternative fuel oils, or compliance methods used as an alternative” if they are “at least as effective in terms of emission reductions.”
Annex VI, Regulation 3 provides for exemptions in certain circumstances.

- To conduct trials for the development of ship emission reduction and control technologies
- If the applications of specific provisions of the Annex...could impede research into the development of such technologies or programmes
- Minimum number of ships necessary
- Trial shall not exceed 5 years
- May be withdrawn based on this review if the testing has not adhered to the conditions of the permit or if it is determined that the technology or programme is not likely to produce effective results
- Permit may be renewed for an additional time period not to exceed 5 years
Potential alternatives or equivalencies include:

- Mechanical removal (scrubbers)
- Alternative fuels or non conventional power generation
- Averaging or other operational means
- Other means not yet identified
GOAL REGARDING OPERATIONAL EQUIVALENCIES

- Work within the existing MARPOL Annex VI framework to provide equal or greater public health and welfare benefit in a more economically efficient manner by:
  - Focusing sulfur emission reductions where they provide the greatest benefit (more benefits to more people)
  - Ensuring that air quality is not degraded for any persons affected by a cruise ship’s sulfur emissions
MULTIPLE VESSEL AVERAGING

- Average total emissions and emission impacts over vessels or fleets of vessels
- Can work with or without weighting for impacts
- Emission calculations for each vessel (weighted)
  - By mode (berthing, maneuvering, transiting)
  - By vessel: total fuel consumed
  - Most cruise vessels use a diesel-electric design thus allowing emissions to be estimated directly from fuel consumption (no low load adjustment factors)
EMISSIONS CALCULATOR: HOW IT WORKS

Voyage Data: ECA Fuel Standard Scenario
• Fuel consumption
• Fuel sulfur content
• Operating parameters

Voyage Data: Alternative Scenario (by voyage segment)
• Fuel consumption
• Fuel sulfur content
• Operating parameters

Emission Weighting Factors

Emissions Calculator

Emissions ECA Scenario

Weighted Average Emissions Alternative Scenario

Compare
GIS-Based Emissions Calculator
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