

Marine Notice No. 8 of 2017

Notice to all Shipowners, Agents, Shipmasters, Ports and Seafarers

Ship Emissions - European Union Monitoring, Reporting and Verification, EU MRV

Regulation (EU) <u>2015/757</u> of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2015 on the monitoring, reporting and verification of carbon dioxide emissions from maritime transport and amending Directive <u>2009/16/EC</u>.

The European Commission is bringing emissions from shipping into its 2009 climate and energy package. This aims to reduce greenhouse gases (GHG) within the European Union (EU). As a result the EU MRV Regulation 2015/757 as above, entered into force on the 1st July 2015. This Regulation sets out the requirements on the monitoring, reporting and verification of carbon dioxide emissions from maritime transport.

The Regulation requires shipowners and operators to annually monitor, report and verify carbon dioxide emissions for ships above 5,000 gross tonnage* calling at any EU and EFTA port. Data collection takes place on a per voyage basis and starts on the 1st January 2018. The data needs to be verified by an independent verifier.

The first step is for shipowners to prepare a plan which must be sent to an independent verifier by the **31**st **August 2017**. Emissions monitoring will then commence on the 1st January 2018 with annual reporting periods thereafter. A verified emissions report must be submitted to the central database by the 30th April in the following year. Ships will be required to hold a document of compliance issued by an independent verifier. Ships will also be subject to port state control to check for compliance with the requirement to carry a valid document of compliance on-board.

Independent verifiers are accredited under EU Regulation <u>No. 765 of 2008</u> and in practice for maritime transport it is expected that the Recognised Organisations acting on behalf of Ireland may fulfil this role. Shipowners should make direct contact with their selected independent verifier to ensure compliance with the requirements as above.

Further details are available as follows: <u>https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/transport/shipping_en</u>

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*Art. 2.2 – Regulation does not apply to warships, naval auxiliaries, fish-catching or fish-processing ships, wooden ships of a primitive build, ships not propelled by mechanical means or government ships used for non-commercial purposes.

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