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MARINE SAFETY ADVISORY No. 30-20

To: Owners/Operators, Masters, Nautical Inspectors, Recognized Organizations

Subject: USE OF EGCS (SCRUBBERS) IN NEW ZEALAND TERRITORIAL WATERS

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The New Zealand Ministry for the Environment (NZ MFE) requests owners/operators and Masters of ships operating in NZ territorial waters, as a precautionary measure, to avoid discharging scrubber effluent close to shore and where possible utilize alternate options such as:

- preparing for entry into NZ waters by carrying compliant low sulphur fuel to use when operating in sensitive environments as identified by the relevant regional authorities;
- operating closed-loop scrubber functionality in zero-discharge mode and retaining any effluent on board until able to dispose of it at the next available port facility; and
- discharging any open loop scrubber washwater outside NZ territorial waters.

Read NZ's guidance on the use of exhaust gas cleaning systems (EGCS) [here](#).

Current IMO guidance on washwater discharge criteria, IMO Resolution [MEPC.259\(68\)](#), may be revised in the future as more data becomes available on the contents of the discharge and its effects. Currently, EGCS residues generated must be delivered ashore to reception facilities. Coastal States may impose unique requirements for scrubbers.

This MSA expires one (1) year after its issuance, unless otherwise noted, extended, superseded, or revoked.