Notice of all ports within the ECA of Zhejiang Province implementing SOx emission control in advance

Since 1 April 2016, the low sulfur content control measures have been taken in Ningbo-Zhoushan port of Zhejiang Province, as the core port in China ECAs. According to China ECAs Implementation Scheme, the ports other than core ports will implement the policy from 1 January 2018. However recently Zhejiang MSA declared that the implementation of all ports within the ECA of Zhejiang Province will start from 1 September 2017.

1. Application Area

The water area of Zhejiang Province specified in China ECAs Implementation Scheme, released by The Ministry of Transport (MOT), China.

1.1 Sea area
The sea boundary within the area connected by following A-D points, including Jiaxing, Ningbo-
Zhoushan and Taizhou port.

A. the junction of mainland coastline between Zhejiang and Shanghai,
B. 12NM off A point and its reefs,
C. the junction of the mainland coastline between Taizhou and Wenzhou,
D. 12 NM off C point.

1.2 Inland waterways
The inland navigation waterways under the administrative jurisdiction of Hangzhou, Jiaxing, Huzhou, Shaoxing, Ningbo and Taizhou.

2. Implementation
Since 1 September 2017, all ships, exclusive of warships/military ships, sport ships/boats, or fishing ships/vessels, at berth (except within 1 hour after arrival and within 1 hour before departure) within the ECA are required to use fuel with sulfur content ≤0.5%m/m. In view of the time of oil change system or equivalents retrofit, the ships which violate the requirement within September and October in ECA will be given a warning and required to rectify, except for Ningbo-Zhoushan port which already implemented since 1 April 2016.

3. The ships may take equivalent measures such as using ashore cold iron, clean energy or exhaust gas cleaning system (EGCS).

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