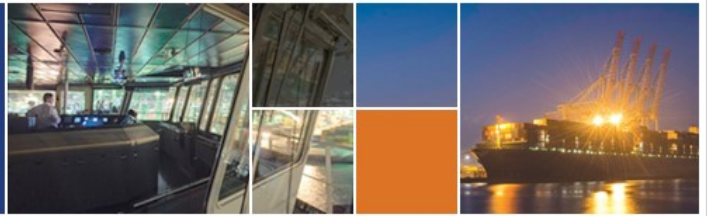




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## North American ECA - Canada Enforcement Commences

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The North America ECA, established by IMO under the provisions of MARPOL Annex VI became effective on 1 August 2012. See: *MARPOL Annex VI Enters Into Force* and *North America ECA Effective 1 August 2012*

An earlier website article reported on a delay in enforcement in Canada of ECA requirements for Low Sulfur Fuel Oil (LSFO) - *North American Emission Control Area - Canadian Implementation Postponed*. It had been anticipated that this delay might continue until late 2013. However, implementation of regulations amending the Canadian *Vessel Pollution and Dangerous Chemicals Regulations* means that the ECA requirements have now come into force in Canada with effect from 9 May 2013.

There has been no indication so far that the Canadian enforcement agencies will allow a grace period for compliance and therefore vessels visiting Canadian waters should assume that full compliance with LSFO requirements is necessary. It should also be noted that, unlike the U.S., the Canadian regime does not appear to provide for the possibility of non-availability of compliant fuel oil.

Further information about the Canadian regulations is available on the [Transport Canada website](http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/mediaroom/releases-2013-h055e-7161.html). The associated press release can be found at: [www.tc.gc.ca/eng/mediaroom/releases-2013-h055e-7161.html](http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/mediaroom/releases-2013-h055e-7161.html)

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See *Canada - New Regulations For Vessel Air Emissions* for information on the Transport Canada Ship Safety Bulletins issued to give further detail on the amended regulations.