

**Resolution on review of fuel oil availability for sea going ships as required by regulation 14.8 of MARPOL Annex VI
Adopted on May 11, 2016 by the IAPH Board of Directors at
IAPH Mid-term Ports Conference in Panama**

RECOGNIZING that the Revised MARPOL Annex VI (Resolution MEPC.176(58) *inter alia*

- requires in regulation 14.1.3 that the sulphur content of any fuel oil used on board ships shall not exceed 0.50% m/m on and after 1 January 2020;
- requires in regulation 14.8 that a review of the standard set forth in subparagraph 1.3 of this regulation shall be completed by 2018 to determine the availability of fuel oil to comply with the fuel oil standard set forth in that paragraph and further stipulates that if a decision is taken that it is not possible for ships to comply, then the standard in that subparagraph shall become effective on 1 January 2025.

NOTING that the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the International Maritime Organization at its 68th session in May 2015 had:

1. approved the terms of reference for the review of fuel oil availability as required by regulation 14.8 of MARPOL Annex VI;
2. established a Steering Committee to oversee the review and agreed that the Committee is the de facto "group of experts" mentioned in regulations 14.9 and 14.10 of MARPOL Annex VI; and
3. requested the Secretariat to initiate the fuel oil availability review in accordance with the agreed terms of reference, including the establishment of the Steering Committee, with a view to the final report being submitted to MEPC 70.

NOTING FURTHER that the Marine Environment Protection Committee at its 69th session in April 2016 had:

1. noted the progress made by the Steering Committee and reiterated that, in accordance with the agreed terms of reference, the review is expected to be completed in time for reporting to MEPC 70; and
2. agreed, in principle, that a final decision should be taken at MEPC 70 on the date of implementation of the 0.50% sulphur limit so that maritime Administrations and industry can prepare and plan accordingly.

On a proposal duly seconded, it is unanimously resolved that

IAPH urges Governments Parties to the MARPOL Convention to decide at MEPC 70 in October 2016 that the sulphur content of any fuel oil used on board ships shall not exceed 0.50% m/m on and after 1 January 2020.