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**Sulphur Cap Compliance**

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Reference: **Paris and Tokyo MoU**

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**Paris and Tokyo MoU Hone in on Sulphur Cap Compliance**

The decision to implement the next sulphur cap on fuel oil was confirmed at the IMO's MEPC 70th Session in October 2016. From January 1, 2020 the sulphur content of marine fuels is further reduced to a maximum of 0.5 percent.

Paris MoU and Tokyo MoU say they will increase their focus on the sulphur limit regulations after reaching an agreement to carry out a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) in 2018, which focuses on air pollution from ships.

Port State control authorities across 45 countries and 5 continents including South America, North America, Europe, Asia and Australia will take part in the campaign.

The CIC means that all 45 countries covered by the two MoU's will carry out a thorough examination of compliance when their Port State Control Officers embark on board ships. It is envisaged that the efforts made will increase compliance with regulations and contribute to crews' awareness of the new regulations and the consequences of any violations.

Every year almost 50,000 inspections take place on board foreign ships with Paris and Tokyo MoU ports, with an overall aim "to eliminate the operation of sub-standard ships through a harmonized system of port State control."

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- **Paris and Tokyo MoU**

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