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FOBAS Bulletin: New ECA Fuels Guidance**Applicability:** All ship owners and operators

For last few years, the control of emissions from ships has been high on the agenda at various international and national forums tasked to formulate emission regulations. Particular focus of these regulations has been the control of Sulphur Oxides (SO_x) emission which is directly linked with sulphur content of the fuel.

With the coming into force of MARPOL Annex VI Regulation 14.4.3 on 1st January 2015 allowing a maximum of 0.10% m/m sulphur fuels within designated emission control areas, bunker suppliers introduced new types of fuels in the marine bunker market to cater for specific operational needs.

These new types of fuels tend not to strictly fall in either distillate or residual fuel category and due to the variability in fuel formulations, on-board storage, handling and combustion can be challenging. FOBAS issued a preparatory guidance document in December 2014. Today, FOBAS released an [updated guidance](#) document with latest information and experiences gathered since 1st January 2015.

We hope you will find this guidance useful, and we will look forward to receive any feedback, comments or questions you may have at fobas@lr.org. Alternatively, speak to one of our consultants on +44 (0) 3304 141 000 (Southampton, UK), +44 (0) 1642 440 991 (Redcar, UK), +65 3163 0888 (Singapore), +30 2104 580 874 (Greece).