

3 PROCEDURES FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND ADOPTION OF SO_x EMISSION CONTROL AREAS BY THE ORGANIZATION

- 3.1 The Organization shall consider each proposal submitted to it by a contracting State or contracting States.
- 3.2 A SO_x Emission Control Area shall be designated by means of an amendment to this Annex, considered, adopted and brought into force in accordance with article 16 of the present Convention.
- 3.3 In assessing the proposal, the Organization shall take into account the criteria which are to be included in each proposal for adoption as set forth in Section 2 above, and the relative costs of reducing sulphur depositions from ships when compared with land-based controls. The economic impacts on shipping engaged in international trade should also be taken into account.

4 OPERATION OF SO_x EMISSION CONTROL AREAS

- 4.1 Parties which have ships navigating in the area are encouraged to bring to the Organization any concerns regarding the operation of the area.