

REGULATION 14**Sulphur Oxides (SO_x)****General requirements**

- (1) The sulphur content of any fuel oil used on board ships shall not exceed 4.5% m/m.
- (2) The worldwide average sulphur content of residual fuel oil supplied for use on board ships shall be monitored taking into account guidelines to be developed by the Organization.

Requirements within SO_x Emission Control Areas

- (3) For the purpose of this regulation, SO_x Emission Control Areas shall include:
 - (a) the Baltic Sea area as defined in regulation 10 (1) (b) of Annex I; and
 - (b) any other sea area, including port areas, designated by the Organization in accordance with criteria and procedures for designation of SO_x Emission Control Areas with respect to the prevention of air pollution from ships contained in appendix III to this Annex.
- (4) While ships are within SO_x Emission Control Areas, at least one of the following conditions shall be fulfilled:
 - (a) the sulphur content of fuel oil used on board ships in a SO_x Emission Control Area does not exceed 1.5% m/m;