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0.5% Global Sulphur Cap to Take Effect from 2020

The International Maritime Organization announced that the 0.5% global sulphur cap on emissions would come into force in 2020, at the 70th session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee.

The Singapore Shipping Association welcomes this long-awaited announcement, which will provide shipowners with much-needed clarity in their decision-making. There is, however, a need to anticipate potentially significant disruptions to the industry such as increased operating costs, the concern of fuel quality and availability.

Bearing these implications in mind, the Singapore Shipping Association recognises that a great deal of work has to be done between now and 2020, and we stand committed to collaborate with the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore and relevant stakeholders to ensure that Singapore will be able to comply with the new requirements whilst maintaining its position as a leading bunkering port.

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