





Merchant Shipping Directorate



Implementation of EU Regulation 2015/757 on the Monitoring, Reporting and Verification of Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Maritime Transport

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Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters, Owners' Representatives and Recognised Organisations

The Merchant Shipping Directorate would like to remind all those concerned that Regulation (EU) No.2015/757 on the monitoring, reporting and verification of carbon dioxide emissions from maritime transport, and amending Directive 2009/16/EC, has entered into force on 1 July 2015.

Inter alia, the Regulation requires shipowners and operators to monitor, report and verify CO₂ emissions from ships above 5,000 GT and which call at any port under the jurisdiction of an EU Member State.

In order to ensure the continuous uninterrupted operation of Maltese ships, shipowners and operators of ships which are covered by the Regulation, are hereby reminded to put in place the necessary procedures to implement the Regulation as soon as possible. Shipowners and operators are encouraged to be prepared, starting by developing monitoring plans as well as examining how to best collect, aggregate and report fuel consumption and transport work data for their ships.

By 31 August 2017, companies shall submit ship-specific monitoring plans for fuel consumption indicating the method chosen to monitor and report CO_2 emissions and other relevant information for each of their ships covered by the Regulation to an accredited verifier for approval. Furthermore, in case of ships falling under the scope of the Regulation for the first time after 31 August 2017, this obligation is to be fulfilled no later than two months after each ship's first call in a port under the jurisdiction of an EU Member State.

The monitoring plan shall consist of complete and transparent documentation of the monitoring method for the ship concerned and shall contain all the elements required by Regulation 2015/757. Companies shall draw up the monitoring plan using a template corresponding to the model set out in Annex I to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1927.

In case the verifier's assessment identifies non-conformities with the requirements of the Regulation, companies shall revise the monitoring plan accordingly and submit the revised plan for final assessment by the verifier before the reporting period starts.

On 1 January 2018 companies shall start the per-voyage and annual monitoring of the parameters specified in Regulation 2015/757. This should be based on the monitoring plan assessed by the accredited verifiers, for each ship arriving in or departing from, and for each voyage to or form a port under an EU Member State's jurisdiction.

Furthermore, as from 2019, by 30 April of each year, companies are obliged to submit verified annual emissions reports concerning the CO₂ emissions for the previous entire reporting period for each ship to the Merchant Shipping Directorate and to the European Commission.

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The specific obligations are enshrined in the full text of the relevant EU legislation that may be downloaded from the following links;

Regulation (EU) 2015/757 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2015 on the monitoring, reporting and verification of carbon dioxide emissions from maritime transport, and amending Directive 2009/16/EC.pdf

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/2071 of 22 September 2016 amending Regulation (EU) 2015/757 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the methods for monitoring carbon dioxide emissions and the rules for monitoring other relevant information.pdf

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1927 of 4 November 2016 on templates for monitoring plans, emissions reports and documents of compliance pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2015/757 of the European Parliament and of the Council on monitoring, reporting and verification of Carbon dioxide emissions from maritime transport.pdf

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1928 of 4 November 2016 on determination of cargo carried for categories of ships other than passenger, ro-ro and container ships pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2015/757 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the monitoring, reporting and verification of carbon dioxide emissions from maritime transport.pdf

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