

MARPOL Annex VI - Regulations for the Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships

Regulation 18 - Fuel Oil Availability and Quality

Fuel Oil Quality

3 Fuel oil for combustion purposes delivered to and used on board ships to which this Annex applies shall meet the following requirements:

.1 except as provided in subparagraph 3.2:

.1.1 the fuel oil shall be blends of hydrocarbons derived from petroleum refining. This shall not preclude the incorporation of small amounts of additives intended to improve some aspects of performance;

.1.2 the fuel oil shall be free from inorganic acid; and

.1.3 the fuel oil shall not include any added substance or chemical waste which:

.1.3.1 jeopardizes the safety of ships or adversely affects the performance of the machinery, or

.1.3.2 is harmful to personnel, or

.1.3.3 contributes overall to additional air pollution.

.2 fuel oil for combustion purposes derived by methods other than petroleum refining shall not:

.2.1 exceed the applicable sulphur content set forth in regulation 14 of this Annex;

.2.2 cause an engine to exceed the applicable NO_x emission limit set forth in paragraphs 3, 4, 5.1.1 and 7.4 of regulation 13;

.2.3 contain inorganic acid; or

.2.4.1 jeopardize the safety of ships or adversely affect the performance of the machinery, or

.2.4.2 be harmful to personnel, or

.2.4.3 contribute overall to additional air pollution.