



Date April 23, 2025

Subject **Customer Advisory: New ECA Regulation in the Mediterranean Sea effective May 1, 2025**

Dear valued Customer,

We would like to inform you about an important regulatory change that will impact maritime shipping operations in the Mediterranean Sea.

Effective May 1, 2025, stricter environmental regulations under Regulation 14 of MARPOL Annex VI will come into force. These rules will limit sulphur emissions from vessels operating in the Mediterranean Sea, requiring the use of marine fuels with a maximum sulphur content of 0.1%.

With this designation, the Mediterranean Sea will officially become an Emission Control Area (ECA) for Sulphur Oxides, joining other established ECAs such as the North Sea, the Baltic Sea and North America.

To ensure full compliance, DHL Global Forwarding will adjust the Danmar Bunker calculation to reflect the cost difference between high-sulphur fuel oil (0.5%) and the required low-sulphur fuel oil (0.1%). This adjustment will apply to all shipments to, from, and within the Mediterranean region. The cost difference will need to be recovered for all contracts.

If you have any questions or require further information, please don't hesitate to contact your local DHL Global Forwarding representative or our Customer Service team.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support as we adapt to this important regulatory development.

Sincerely,

Your DHL Global Forwarding Ocean Freight-Team