MONTENEGRO - EU SULPHUR DIRECTIVE BULLETIN # 118

FAO Montenegro calling ships:

Background:

- Due to future potential enlargement of the European Union (EU), a number of Western Balkan countries, as part of their pre-accession negotiations, have been aligning their legislation accordingly
- The country of Montenegro has recently reported that it has transposed into its law the EU
 "Sulphur" Directive (consolidated edition EU 2016/802: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32016L0802&from=EN) and its implementing Decision (EU) 2015/253
- The newly implemented Montenegro "Regulation on limit values for pollutants content in liquid fossil fuels (OJ MNE 017/17)" is not (yet) available in English but follows closely the EU Directive, without specific extra requirements

Actions required

Masters and Chief Engineers:

- 1) Plan bunkers for Montenegro as if for an EU/EEA country
- 2) If your port/anchor stay is more than 2 (two) hours:
 - a) switch over to LSFO with max Sulphur contents of 0.10%S as early as possible after Finished with Engines
 - b) switch back to HSFO above 0.10%S as late as possible before Stand by Engines / ready for maneuvering for leaving berth/anchor

We have <u>not</u> been advised at this time that Montenegro will consider cruise ships as on "regular services" and will require them to operate on max 1.50%S in their waters

- 3) Record above changes accordingly in the Engine Logbook
- 4) Advise your Fleet Cell in case of any inspections in Montenegro on the subject

Note: we expect to issue an updated SAF77 around Oct 2018 which will include the above

