

Preliminary Report of IMO MEPC Extraordinary Session

The extraordinary session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC ES.2) was held from 14 to 17 October 2025. A summary of the outcome is given hereunder for your information.

Discussion on Revised MARPOL Annex VI 2025

The complete revision of MARPOL Annex VI, comprising the following amendments approved at MEPC 82 (October 2024) and MEPC 83 (April 2025) was discussed for adoption at this extraordinary session:

- .1 Mid-term measures to reduce GHG emissions
- .2 Addition of North-East Atlantic Ocean as NOx / SOx / PM Emission Control Area (ECA)
- .3 NOx regulations for marine diesel engines
- .4 Accessibility to the IMO DCS database

At this session, the “mid-term measures to reduce GHG emissions” was discussed as the primary topic. However, the delegations’ positions on the adoption of the amendments were kept divided without being able to reach an agreement.

The discussion was followed by a proposal to adjourn the meeting for a year, which was then agreed by the majority upon voting.

Consequently, the discussion for adoption of all of the aforementioned amendments to MARPOL Annex VI was adjourned for a year.

During the session, the following conclusions were made prior to the discussion on the amendments to MARPOL Annex VI:

- The work plan for developing guidelines towards implementation of the latest draft mid-term measures; and
- Agreed in principle to establish a GHG Sub-Committee.

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