

Customer Advisory

Implementation of ECA Regulation Surcharge

Dear Valued Customers:

As of 1 January 2015, every ship operating within an emission control area (ECA) must use fuel having a sulphur content of no more than 0.1% (current limit: 1.0%). Adherence to this limit under MARPOL Annex VI is required of shipowners by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the United Nations body responsible for maritime affairs. We, NYK Bulk & Projects Carriers (NBP), fully support this sound environmental-improvement initiative.

As a result of this change, we must implement a trade-specific ECA regulation surcharge from 1 January 2015. The surcharge will be used to adhere to these new environmental-protection regulations. We have examined our expected operating cost increase resulting from the need to use low sulphur oil in certain locations and have devised a surcharge to cover a part of those costs. We regret having to implement this increase, and we thank you for your support and understanding.

The fuel that meets the regulation requirement is significantly more expensive than current standard bunker. And the availability of fuel that meets the required low sulphur content at all locations is an unknown. In fact, we are currently working with our fuel suppliers to ensure an adequate supply.

Trade	Surcharge per FT
Asia – Americas	USD 3.50
Asia – Med Sea / Europe	USD 3.00