Canadian Maritime Law Association

April 25, 2024 Board Meeting

Committee Report of the Artic Issues Committee

The single update of the Arctic Issues Committee is that on March 22, 2024, the IMO approved Canada's proposal for an Arctic Emission Control Area (AECA).

The AECA will limit emissions of nitrogen oxides, sulphur oxides, and particulate matter from ships. The draft amendments to MARPOL Annex VI to establish the AECAs will be forwarded to MEPC 82 for adoption. The earliest entry-into-force date of the amendments would be March 2026.

For more information, see our report to the Board in advance of the January 2024 meeting.

Kind regards,

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Co-Chairs