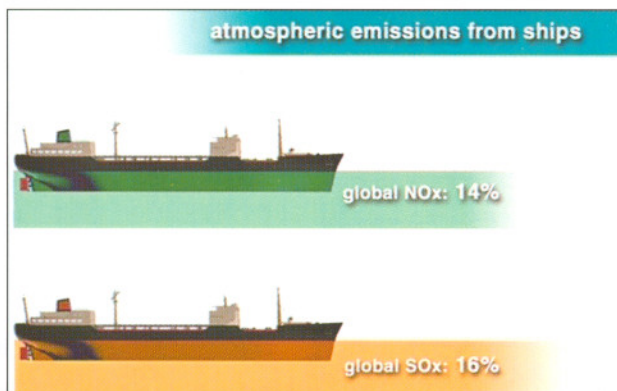


MARPOL Annex VI - Prevention of Air Pollution from Ships



The international community has been concerned about atmospheric pollution from merchant shipping for some years. Though the merchant shipping industry has always sought to adhere to the highest environmental standards, the burning of heavy fuel oils has had a significant impact on the levels of air pollution worldwide. As a result, in 1997, the member states of the IMO proposed that strict limitations on the emission of oxides of sulphur (SOx) and nitrogen (NOx) and on ozone depleting substances should be introduced. This was to become Annex VI of the MARPOL Convention. Having achieved widespread support, it has been ratified and enters into force on the 19th May 2005.



The new legislation will have an enormous impact on the day to day operations of virtually all commercial vessels and extends far beyond the scope of previous regulations. It affects everything from the choice of bunkers, the supply of engine spares and even the modifications that can be carried out to a ship. It also specifies certain geographical areas where even stricter controls on bunkers will apply.

The complexities of Annex VI represent a significant challenge. This training package, consisting of a CD-ROM or video and support book, is designed to help ship operators, officers and crew understand the complexities of the legislation.

The package covers, in some detail, the additional documentation that a ship must carry. It explains the restrictions on modifying and servicing engines. It outlines the changes in operating incinerators and describes the new controls for ozone depleting substances.

Although it will be of specific interest to engineering staff, such is the importance of the subject, that it has been designed with a much wider audience in mind.

The package offers a comprehensive overview of the new regulations.



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