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Regarding : Discharging of Scrubbers Washing Water

TO THE ATTENTION OF DISTRIBUTION CENTERS

As you are aware, according to Annex VI of The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (Marpol Convention), the amount of sulfur in the fuel used by ships has been limited to %0,5 and that all ships which sail are held to a maximum sulfur ratio in the fuel used at %0,5. In this light, instead of staying within the allowable sulfur limits as the "Regulation on Sulfur Reduction in Certain Types of Liquid Fuel" states, rule 4 of Annex VI of the Marpol Convention allows for the use of exhaust gas cleaning systems (scrubbers); our Ministry has subsequently reviewed considerations on the discharge of the waste water accumulated as a result of this application into the sea.

In line with article 23(b) of the Regulation on Controlling Water Pollution dated 31.12.2004 and published in the Official Gazette No. 25687, "Discharge of waste, petrol and petrol derivatives along with bilge water, dirty ballast water, sludge, slop, oil and similar solid and liquid waste, any type of cargo waste originating from ships and any planes which fly over the parts of the seas which are under Turkish sovereignty, is hereby forbidden", it is forbidden to discharge any washing water of those scrubber systems into Turkish territorial waters and hereby requested that such decision is notified to the relevant authorities.

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[With the authority of the Minister]  
General Director

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