

Maritime GHG Emissions: Key Deadlines and Activities for 2026

Notice to: Ship Owners/ Managers/ Operators/ Surveyors/ Auditors

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The purpose of this Circular is to provide a consolidated overview of the critical deadlines, verification requirements, and planning milestones for maritime emissions reporting and compliance during the 2026 calendar year.

Applicability & Scope (Updated for 2025/2026)

Shipowners are advised to verify the applicability of each regulation based on their fleet's Gross Tonnage (GT) and ship type. Please note the expansion of EU MRV to smaller vessels:

Regulation	Applicable Vessels	Scope of Voyage	Financial Obligation
EU MRV	1. All commercial ships > 5,000 GT 2. General Cargo ships 400 - 5,000 GT (New) 3. Offshore ships ≥ 400 GT (New)	Voyages to/from/within EU/EEA ports.	Reporting Only
EU ETS	Commercial ships > 5,000 GT	Voyages to/from/within EU/EEA ports.	Yes (Surrender Allowances)
FuelEU	Commercial ships > 5,000 GT	Voyages to/from/within EU/EEA ports.	Yes (Penalty if non-compliant)
UK MRV	Commercial ships > 5,000 GT	Voyages to/from/within UK ports.	Reporting Only
IMO DCS	All ships ≥ 5,000 GT	International voyages worldwide.	Reporting Only

Note on Small Ships (400-5000 GT):

While General Cargo and Offshore ships between 400 and 5,000 GT are required to report emissions under EU MRV starting from 2025, they are currently exempt from EU ETS financial obligations (surrendering allowances) pending further review by the European Commission in 2026.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: APPOINTMENT OF ACCREDITED VERIFIERS

Operators are hereby explicitly reminded that URACOS Classification Society does not provide verification services for EU MRV, EU ETS, UK MRV or FuelEU Maritime regulations.

Shipowners and Managers are strictly advised to contract an independent, **Accredited Verifier** to ensure timely validation of data. URACOS acts solely in an advisory capacity regarding these specific regional regulations.

Regulatory Deadlines and Actions for 2026

Owners and Managers must adhere to the following statutory timeline to ensure the issuance of valid compliance documents:

A. EU MRV (Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification)

- **31 March 2026:** The verified emissions data must be submitted to the **THETIS-MRV** platform.
 - *Applicable to:* All ships > 5,000 GT **AND** General Cargo/Offshore ships > 400 GT.

B. EU ETS (Emissions Trading System)

- **31 March 2026:** Verified company-level emissions data must be entered into the **Union Registry** (MOHA).
- **30 September 2026:** Deadline for the surrender of EU ETS Allowances (EUA).
 - *Applicable to:* Cargo/Passenger ships > 5,000 GT only. (Offshore > 5,000 GT will start surrendering in 2027).

C. FuelEU Maritime

- **31 January 2026:** Submission of the FuelEU Report to the Accredited Verifier.
- **30 April 2026:** Approval of compliance balance.
- **30 June 2026:** Issuance of **FuelEU Document of Compliance (DoC)**.
 - *Requirement:* Vessels (> 5,000 GT) must carry a valid DoC when entering EEA ports.

D. IMO DCS & CII (Data Collection System)

- **01 January 2026:** **SEEMP Part III** must be available onboard (for ships ≥ 5,000 GT).
- **31 March 2026:** Annual fuel oil consumption data submission.
- **31 May 2026:** Issuance of **Statement of Compliance (SoC)**.

Recommendations

Shipowners—especially those with **General Cargo and Offshore vessels between 400 and 5,000 GT**—must ensure they have a verified Monitoring Plan in place and are collecting data for the 2025 reporting period to submit by March 2026.

Please contact your appointed Accredited Verifier immediately to schedule these activities

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Best Regards

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