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New tasks and duties for shipping companies

According to the MRV Maritime Regulation (EU Regulation 2015/757) adopted by the European Union, German shipping companies have been obliged to monitor CO2 emissions from vessels with a gross displacement over 5,000t since January 01, 2018. Annual monitoring is based on the ship-related monitoring concept audited by verifiers. After the end of the reporting period, the shipping company must report emissions in a ship-related verified emissions report by 30th April (for the first time in 2019). The German Accreditation Body has appointed verifiers for this verification task: <https://www.dakks.de/content/akkreditierte-stellen-dakks>, REU78
Subject area.

German shipping companies must submit their emissions reports to the German Emissions Trading Authority (DEHSt) at the German Environment Agency (UBA), which is the responsible authority in Germany, and to the EU Commission via the EMSA application THETIS-MRV (<https://mrv.emsa.europa.eu/#public/eumrv>). The verifiers then issue a certificate of conformity for the ships, which must be carried on board from 30/06/2019 onwards.

The MRV Maritime Regulation has been in force since July 2015 and is directly applicable in every EU Member State and the EEA countries Norway and Iceland. The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Act (TEHG) in its amended version of 18/07/2017 (https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/tehg_2011/BJNR147510011.html) regulates the implementation of sanction regulations and the responsibilities at national level pertaining to the MRV Regulation (VO). UBA/DEHSt is responsible for the implementation of the EU MRV Regulation.

DEHSt punishes intentional or negligent violations of Article 11(1) of the MRV Regulation as administrative offenses by penalty proceedings. DEHSt is responsible for the following issues in detail: it checks whether the verified emissions reports have been received in due time and issues fines of up to 50,000 euros for violations in accordance with Section 32 TEHG. In addition, it will perform sanctioning if foreign-flagged vessels are identified by a state port control as being in breach of the obligation of carrying the

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certificate of conformity on board and no verified emissions report has been submitted in due time.

The European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) has provided the electronic procedure (THETIS MRV) for the approval of monitoring concepts (optional), verification of emissions reports and submission of emissions reports. Emissions reports for ships registered under the German flag and the reporting data of foreign ships are available in the centre of this system.

According to the EU MRV regulation, the following data must be reported for vessels with a gross displacement exceeding 5000t per calendar year and for all journeys:

- Ship identification data
- Monitoring method and associated uncertainty information
- Total quantity and emission factor for each type of fuel consumed
- Aggregated CO2 emissions differentiated by journey type
- Total distance travelled
- Total time spent at sea
- Total transport performance
- Average energy efficiency

More information can be obtained from the German Emissions Trading Authority at the German Environment Agency:

<https://www.dehst.de/DE/Als-Betreiber-teilnehmen/Schiffahrtsunternehmen/schiffahrtsunternehmen-node.html>

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