



PROCEDURE FOR THE USE OF EXHAUST GAS CLEANING SYSTEMS (EGCS) 'SCRUBBERS' IN THE PORT OF CEUTA

1. REGULATION ON THE USE OF SCRUBBERS

The use of scrubbers is permitted by the IMO to achieve a reduction in sulphur oxide emissions from ship engines; thus, they serve as an alternative means to reduce the sulphur content in marine fuels. The operating conditions of such systems, as well as the inspection criteria for them, are regulated by **RESOLUTION MEPC.340(77)**, which establishes guidelines for the use of exhaust gas cleaning systems, as well as for the verification and certification of such systems. This resolution updates **IMO RESOLUTION MEPC 259(68)**.

- The new guideline applies to all Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems (EGCS) installations delivered to ships or significantly modified from June 1, 2022.
- For EGCS installations with a documented contractual delivery date before June 1, 2022, but delayed due to the pandemic situation, it is still possible to apply guideline MEPC.259(68).

2. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE USE OF SCRUBBERS IN THE PORT OF CEUTA

Vessels intending to use their exhaust gas cleaning system (EGCS) in accordance with the criteria outlined in section 3 must notify the Port Authority of Ceuta and the Harbour Master's Office 72 hours in advance through the 'attachments' icon in DUEPORT, providing the documentation listed in the Annex table, according to the chosen plan for the approval, recognition, and certification of the EGCS, in line with the guidelines of RESOLUTION MEPC.340(77) / RESOLUTION MEPC 259(68) of the IMO.

3. CRITERIA FOR THE USE OF SCRUBBERS IN THE PORT OF CEUTA

Open-loop scrubbers. The use of open-loop scrubbers is prohibited in Zone I of the Port of Ceuta.

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Closed-loop scrubbers. The use of closed-loop scrubbers is authorised in Zone I and Zone II of the Port of Ceuta.

4. INSPECTION AND CONTROL

The documentation related to the installed exhaust gas cleaning system on the vessel, as well as its operation, may be subject to documentary verification and on-board inspection by the Harbour Master's Office.

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ANNEX

Document	Scheme A – Parameter Check	Scheme B – Continuous Monitoring
SOx Emissions Compliance Plan (SECP)	X	X
SOx Emissions Compliance Certificate (SECC)	X	
EGCS Technical Manual, Scheme A (ETM-A)	X	
EGCS Technical Manual, Scheme B (ETM-B)		X
Onboard Monitoring Manual (OMM)	X	X
EGC Record Book or Electronic Logging System	X	X



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