

FuelEU Maritime – Scope of Application and exclusion of offshore vessels for the moment

The FuelEU Maritime Regulation (**Regulation (EU) 2023/1805**) was adopted in July 2023 as part of the Commission's Fit for 55 legislative package to reduce EU greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030. The Regulation, which enters into force on 1 January 2025, is intended to promote the use of renewable, low-carbon fuels and clean energy technologies for ships, essential to support decarbonisation in the sector.

In its [Technical and Statutory News Bulletin 10/2024](#), DNV clarifies that, as it currently stands, when it enters into force FuelEU Maritime will not apply to offshore ships. However, it is important to note that the scope of the regulation could change as part of the scheduled review of the legislation by the end of 2027.

Members should be aware that the legislation will apply to ships above 5,000 GT transporting passengers or cargo for commercial purposes and so those members who have vessels transporting commercial cargo will be within scope from the outset.

Members should contact their Flag Administration/Class Society for further clarification if necessary.

IMCA's Marine Policy & Regulatory Affairs (MPRA) Committee is following the development of EU legislation closely and will update members on any changes.

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