Application of the MRV Regulation to icebreakers and offshore ships

(English translation)

Interpretation concerning the application of the MRV Regulation to offshore ships

This interpretation clarifies the application of the rules on the monitoring of greenhouse gas emissions from offshore ships.

According to Article 2(2) of Regulation (EU) 2015/757 (the MRV Regulation), the Regulation does not apply to government ships used for non-commercial purposes. According to this interpretation, such ships are also considered to include ships providing services to the State on a contractual or treaty basis during the reporting period (1 January–31 December).

Pursuant to Article 2(1a) and (1b) of the MRV Regulation, an offshore ship falls within the scope of the MRV Regulation for the entire reporting period if it is used for commercial purposes at any time during that period, even if only for part of the period.

Icebreakers are explicitly excluded from the ship types considered as offshore ships under Part AA of Annex I to the MRV Regulation. According to this interpretation, a multipurpose ship is considered an icebreaker during the period in which it provides icebreaking services.

From 1 January 2027, offshore ships of 5,000 gross tonnage or above will also be subject to the obligations under the EU Emissions Trading System, provided that they fall within the scope of the MRV Regulation during the reporting period in question.

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