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# User Guidelines

## European Union Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading System for Maritime (Amendment) Regulations, 2025

### Introduction

European Union Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading System for Maritime (Amendment) Regulations, 2025 continue to transpose Directive (EU) 2023/959 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 May 2023 amending Directive 2003/87/EC establishing a system for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Union and Decision (EU) 2015/1814 concerning the establishment and operation of a market stability reserve for the Union greenhouse gas emission trading system. The aim of the amending legal notice is to correct cosmetic omissions and/or errors in the transposition via SL. 643.06, and thus provide legal certainty.

### Sectors covered by these regulations

The Legal Notice is relevant to shipping companies to which SL. 643.06 applies. Shipping companies means ship owners or, if so mandated in accordance with the relevant decisions and regulations adopted by the Commission in accordance with Directive 2003/87/EC, any other organisation or person that has assumed the responsibility for the operation of the ship from the shipowner and that, on assuming such responsibility, has agreed to take over all the duties and responsibilities imposed by the International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention, set out in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 336/2006.

### Overview of the obligations

Regulation 2 amends regulation 3 of SL. 643.06 by providing a clarification it provides legal certainty regarding the administrative responsibility of the administering authority, i.e. the Climate Action Authority, vis-à-vis shipping companies attributed to it, as per the attribution rules set out in the EU ETS Directive 2003/87/EC, until the subsequent biennial update of the Commission's list of shipping companies, even if the shipping company changes the nature of its operations.

Regulation 3 amends the commencement date of regulation 12(9) of SL. 643.06 from 1 January 2013 to 1 January 2025.

### Compliance with the amendment regulations

The Climate Action Authority shall ensure compliance with these Regulations

#### Further Information

Further guidance may be obtained from the Climate Action Authority on [ets.caa@climateaction.gov.mt](mailto:ets.caa@climateaction.gov.mt) and/or by contacting +356 2385 0500.