

The IMO Arctic Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO) Regulation



Between 2015 and 2019,
heavy fuel oil (HFO) use in the Arctic grew 75%.

The IMO's Arctic HFO Regulation will not protect the Arctic for nearly a decade

The Regulation includes exemptions for ships with protected fuel tanks and the opportunity for Arctic coastal states to “waive” the ban for their own flagged ships until 2029.

In 2024, exemptions and waivers will result in banning only 16% of HFO use and 30% of HFO carried.

Black carbon emissions will only be reduced by 5%.

As shipping increases in the Arctic, the amount of HFO used and carried as fuel will increase.

Only a regulation with no exemptions and no waivers will result in a 100% HFO ban in the Arctic.

