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IBIA statement concerning the forthcoming MEPC 84

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The joint statement* issued on Monday 20 April 2026 by shipping associations representing the global commercial fleet, "Shipping Industry United in Support of IMO as its Global Regulator and Successful Implementation of IMO GHG Reduction Pathway," reiterates full support for the IMO as the global regulator for international shipping.

It emphasises that decarbonization of the maritime sector is a multi-stakeholder endeavour which should and can only be achieved by all stakeholders of the global maritime ecosystem.

IBIA – The International Bunker Industry Association, representing stakeholders across the global marine energy supply chain, aligns with this position. It remains committed to providing meaningful and constructive input to support IMO Member States in developing globally consistent, fit-for-purpose regulations that deliver the Organization's strategic vision.

IBIA recognises the need for robust guidelines to ensure uniform and effective global implementation. The increasing maturity of instruments, such as LCA Guidelines, will enable stakeholders to better assess regulatory impacts and strengthen confidence in their effectiveness.

Delivery of marine energy to the global fleet, enabling compliance with IMO GHG reduction measures, is critical to achieving successful and effective implementation.

* https://www.ics-shipping.org/statement/shipping-industry-united-in-support-of-imo-as-its-global-regulator-and-successful-implementation-of-imo-ghg-reduction-pathway/

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IBIA – The International Bunker Industry Association is the voice of the global marine energy value chain, representing a diverse membership of fuel suppliers, traders, shipowners, brokers, surveyors, port authorities, and maritime professionals across more than 70 countries. Established in 1993, IBIA promotes transparency, quality, and high standards in marine fuel operations and supports the industry's transition to low and zero-carbon fuels. Through advocacy at the International Maritime Organization (IMO), and its global network of training, events, and working groups, IBIA connects the industry to drive safe, sustainable, and practical solutions for the future of marine energy.

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