**New freight surcharge for sulphur directive cost**

**Sulphur directive**

More stringent restrictions on sulphur content of the fuel used in the Baltic Sea, North Sea and the English Channel will take effect on 1st of January 2015 (**Directive 2012/33/EU**).

The goal of the directive is to reduce environmental load of the sulphur oxides (SOx) emissions, and there are no exemptions to the directive

With the new regulations, vessels operating in the SECA (Sulphur Emission Control Area) must either switch to fuels containing less sulphur or make technical changes to their vessels, allowing the excess sulphur to be removed from the exhaust gases.

While the aim of the directive is to protect the environment, it will have a significant economic impact on shipping costs in the area.

**NCS Finland Oy’s SECA surcharge as from 1 January 2015**

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| Shipment | SECA Sulphur surcharge |
| LTL | € 0,40 / 100 kg |
| FTL | € 85,00 / unit |

Concurrently, starting on 1st of January, 2015, the **current bunker surcharge will be included in the freight** and a **new bunker surcharge will be introduced**. **(01.01.2015 = 0 %)**

The price of MGO fuel will be used as the reference for the price development.

Your contact person will provide further information.