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Low Sulphur Fuel for IWT

The Position of the Netherlands

CCNR Round Table Sulphur

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Background

- The Netherlands have stressed the importance of low sulphur fuel both within the EU and the CCNR
- In January 2007, the EC has proposed a decrease in sulphur content for IWT gas oil in two steps
- In effect, there will be three changes in less than five years:
 - currently 2000 ppm S
 - 1000 ppm S in 2008 (Directive 1999/32/EC)
 - 300 ppm S in 2010
 - 10 ppm S in 2012

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- Consultation of representative organisations in the IWT and fuel distribution sector in the Netherlands
- Dialogue between the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Transport
- **IWT needs gas oil with 10 ppm S in 2010**

Arguments for 10 ppm S in 2010

- Use of after treatment technologies (retrofitting PM filters and NOx catalysts), and innovation in this field
- Strong wish of the IWT sector in the Netherlands to quickly attain a cleaner image
- Direct decrease of PM emissions (important for e.g. the Rotterdam area)
- Less logistical problems with two instead of three product changes until 2012
- Less chance of higher fuel prices due to a specific IWT product with 300 ppm S