

**Question for written answer E-003888/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Alignment of European legislation with new International Maritime Organization standard

In October 2025, a new standard forming part of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships is planned to be formally adopted within the International Maritime Organization (IMO). The standard will create a new comprehensive regulatory framework for greenhouse gas emissions from maritime transport.

If adopted, it would add to obligations already in place for the sector's companies in the European Union arising from the FuelEU Maritime Regulation and the EU ETS Directive for maritime transport. In practice, it could mean that shipping companies will have to pay three different levies.

In view of the above:

1. How does the Commission intend to adapt or reform EU rules – the FuelEU Maritime Regulation and the EU ETS Directive – to ensure they are consistent with the new IMO standard and avoid a triple regulatory and financial burden for shipping companies?
2. What measures does the Commission intend to take to protect the competitiveness of the European maritime sector from third-country competitors that are not covered by both IMO and EU obligations?
3. Is the Commission preparing financial, technical or international coordination mechanisms to help the European maritime sector adapt to the new global regulatory framework?

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