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As noted in its replies to written questions P-001316/2026 and E-001335/2026, the Commission recognises the heterogeneous and specific nature of the offshore maritime sector. To address issues raised by operators of offshore vessels, the Commission has already included additional clarifications in the guidance document[1] accompanying the Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) Regulation[2] and the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) Directive[3].

Furthermore, an offshore workstream meets under the auspices of the European Sustainable Shipping Forum (ESSF). This workstream brings together offshore shipping operators, Member States' authorities and the Commission to discuss practical implementation matters pertaining to the offshore sector with regards to MRV and ETS obligations.

As was also indicated, the Commission is assessing, in the context of the upcoming ETS review foreseen in July 2026, what additional measures and adaptations to the legislative framework may be introduced to further facilitate compliance by offshore operators and ensure a level playing field by preventing market distortion, thus safeguarding the competitiveness of European operators in this important sector.

[1] https://climate.ec.europa.eu/document/download/31875b4f-39b9-4cde-a4e2-fbb8f65ee703_en?filename=policy_transport_shipping_gd1_maritime_en.pdf.
[2] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2015/757/oj/eng.
[3] http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2003/87/2024-03-01.