

Nordic Inaction on Black Carbon

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Report by the
Nordic Council of
Ministers
recommends:

- Regulation on atmospheric emission reductions of HFO and other damaging pollutants by assigning ECA status to the Arctic, under MARPOL Annex VI.
- at the same time as progressively working on a complete ban on the use of HFO.
- Stricter regulation of grade oil requirements, ... , which will mitigate the risks associated with oil spills from carriage and transport of HFO.
- Work towards a ban on carriage and transport of HFO and toxic hybrid fuel oils ... to protect the fragile marine environment from risks associated with oil spills in the icy conditions present in the Arctic.
- Development of HFO-free and more energy-efficient and sustainable fuel types in collaboration with industry stakeholders.

2021 – A Committee of MPs appointed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs Concludes :

- The use of HFO in the Arctic is a special concern
- HFO emits black carbon which accelerates melting of ice and glaciers
- It is important that Arctic Council member states act jointly for purposeful actions to reduce and ultimately ban the burning of HFO in the Arctic as well taking action within the IMO.
- Adopted as a resolution by Althingi in May 2021

Ministerial Declaration
on zero emission
shipping routes
between the Nordic
countries

- The Nordic Ministers for the Environment and Climate approved the following Declaration on zero emission shipping routes at their meeting in Oslo on 3 May 2022:
- The Council of Ministers for the Environment and Climate (MR-MK) is responsible for the Nordic inter-governmental co-operation on environmental issues. Its remit includes preserving and enhancing the quality of the environment and of life in the Region and exerting influence on regional and international co-operation.

Separate Routes for Ferries and ships

- **The Nordic climate and environment ministers have agreed that the countries will work together to establish green corridors for emission-free shipping between ports in the Nordic Region.**
- “Separate routes for emission-free ferries and ships are an important step towards decarbonising shipping in the Nordic Region. There is currently a significant volume of marine traffic between the Nordic countries. Together we have the resources and technology to really lead the way with a project that can showcase the potential for green shipping to the whole world,” says Norway’s Minister of Climate and Environment, Espen Barth Eide.

