Communication to ACAP, AMAP and EGBCM on black carbon-shipping (sent 18 July 2018)

ACAP, AMAP and EGBCM:

PAME is currently working on 4 projects with the aim to continue to advance its work on mitigating risks associated with the use and carriage of Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO) by vessels in the Arctic. This is a follow up to the Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment (AMSA), recommendation I(B): *IMO Measures for Arctic Shipping*.

Based on this, the last PAME Working Group meeting (PAME I-2018, Feb) agreed to the following record of decision to ensure collaboration and cooperation with other working and expert groups of relevance to this topic i.e.:

"PAME invites ACAP, AMAP and the Expert Group on Black Carbon and methane to submit to PAME a summary of their work related to black carbon, especially as it pertains to shipping."

Next PAME Working Group meeting (PAME II-2018) will be convened from 1-4 Oct and it would be greatly appreciated to receive this information well in advance of this meeting or preferably by 1 Sep. If you have any questions then please feel free to contact me or the PAME Shipping Expert Group co-chairs, Peter Oppenheimer/USA and Drummond Fraser/Canada (both copied to this email).

Response from EGBCM

Thank you for the message. I have on various occasions exchanged views with Anita Mäkinen. In the EGBCM we have so far not made efforts to dig deeply into shipping as this could potentially lead to a duplication of work. Diesels are a priority area, and there are obvious connections also to marine diesels, although the main focus has been on land traffic and stationary diesels. Thus we are in the EGBCM interested to hear of the progress in PAME and we are happy to continue with a dialogue so that we can, in the forthcoming EGBCM report, make appropriate reference to the progress in the marine sector, including the work under IMO.

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