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Maritime UK claims success as sulphur inquiry announced

However bunker industry expert, and former International Bunker Industry Association (IBIA) chief executive, Ian Adams told London Matters: "These limits have been agreed not only at IMO but also at a European level and, whilst I appreciate the concerns of the industry, I would be surprised if either global or European legislation changes."

Mr Adams, now managing director of maritime consultants IMA Marine, adds: "Shipping is an incredibly clean form of transport but we have to understand that the issue of air pollution in towns and cities is of great concern both to the public and politicians. When you consider automotive fuels are required to contain between 10 and 50 ppm around Europe shipping reducing its sulphur to 1,000 ppm is not considered excessive by the regulators."