



Pathway to Zero-Emission in International Shipping — Understanding the 2023 IMO GHG Strategy —

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Understanding the 2023 IMO GHG Strategy

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In July 2023, IMO GHG Strategy revised

	Initial Strategy (2018) (Tank-to-Wake)	Revised Strategy (2023) (Well-to-Wake: Life cycle)				
Vision	Phase out GHG emissions as soon as possible in this century.	Phase out GHG emissions as soon as possible.				
	Total annual GHG emissio	ons (compared to 2008)				
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Of ambition	Uptake of zero or near-zero GHG emissions technologies, fuels, energy sources					
		At least 5% (striving for 10%) by 2030				
	Carbon intensity improvement (CO ₂ emissions per transport work) (compared to 2008)					
	At least 40% reduction by 2030 At least 70% reduction by 2050	At least 40% reduction by 2030				

Key points of the revision as follows:

- ✓ Reach net-zero GHG emissions by or around 2050
- Consider not only onboard emissions, but also life cycle emissions, including fuel manufacturing, transportation, and storage to onboard use
- ✓ Monitor the level of achievement of the targets in terms of **total GHG emissions**
- ✓ Adopt a target of uptake of zero or near-zero GHG emissions technologies, fuels, and/or energy sources

What is the significance of the numerical targets outlined in the 2023 IMO GHG Strategy?

	Revised Strategy (2023) (Well-to-Wake: Life cycle)	
Vision	Phase out GHG emissions as soon as possible.	
	Total annual GHG emissions (compared to 2008)	/
Levels	At least 20% (striving for 30%) reduction by 2030 (Indicative checkpoint) At least 70% (striving for 80%) reduction by 2040 (Indicative checkpoint) Reach net-zero GHG emissions by or around, i.e. close to 2050	
of ambition	Uptake of zero or near-zero GHG emissions technologies, fuels, energy sources	
	At least 5% (striving for 10%) by 2030	
	Carbon intensity improvement (CO2 emissions per transport work) (compared to 2008)	
	At least 40% reduction by 2030	

Estimated¹ the followings to achieve the numerical targets for realizing net-zero GHG emissions:

- GHG emissions
- Introduction amount of zero-emission fuels
- Introduction amount of zero-emission ships
- ¹ Estimations were made for ships of 5,000 gross tonnage and above engaged in international voyages (ships subject to IMO DCS).



 Visualizing the actions required by the 2023 IMO GHG Strategy in numerical form and encouraging broad discussions among stakeholders to accelerate efforts towards achieving net-zero GHG emissions.

Allowable GHG emissions to achieve the indicative checkpoints for 2030/2040

 \rightarrow Estimated the upper limit for the allowable lifecycle GHG emissions in international shipping to achieve the indicative checkpoints for 2030/2040

(Unit: million tons CO_{2ea})

GHG emissions	2008 (Base year)	2021 (Latest)	2030 indicative checkpoint (20% reduction from 2008)	2040 indicative checkpoint (70% reduction from 2008)
Life cycle GHG emissions (Well-to-Wake)	731	798	585	219
(Breakdown) Well-to-Tank Tank-to-Wake	110 621	122 676	88 497	33 186

✓ GHG emissions in 2021 > GHG emissions in 2008 (Life cycle) (Life cycle)

 \rightarrow **Approximately a 27%** reduction is required by 2030 compared to 2021 levels.

Introduction amount of zero-emission fuels/ships to achieve the fuel introduction target for 2030

 \rightarrow A minimum 5% introduction of zero or near-zero GHG emissions technologies, fuels, and/or energy sources

		2030 zero-emission fuel introduction target achieved (5% zero-emission fuels)	Current production scale for all sectors
Introduction amount of	for Methanol ¹	21 mil. ton	106 mil. ton/year (of which zero-emission fuels account for less than 1% of the total)
zero-emission fuels	for Ammonia ¹	23 mil. ton	183 mil. ton/year (of which zero-emission fuels account for less than 1% of the total)
Introduction amount of	- 2026 (Orderbook) 2027 - 2030	Newbuildings 12 mil. GT Newbuildings ² 15 mil. GT/year	-
zero-emission ships	2031 - 2040 Total amount	- 72 mil. GT	-
Life cycle GHG emissions (Well-to-Wake)		731 mil. ton CO _{2eq} *585 mil. ton CO _{2eq} for 2030 indicative checkpoint	-

¹ Methanol/ammonia with zero GHG emissions throughout their entire life cycle from manufacturing, transportation, and storage to onboard use

 2 The world's current annual newbuilding deliveries are about 60 million GT per year.

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✓ Only a 5% introduction of zero-emission fuels in 2030 makes it difficult to achieve the indicative checkpoint for 2030.

Introduction amount of zero-emission fuels/ships to achieve the indicative checkpoints for 2030/2040

 \rightarrow A minimum of 20%/70% reduction by 2030/2040 (compared to 2008)

		2030 indicative checkpoint achieved (25% zero-emission fuels)	2040 indicative checkpoint achieved (72% zero-emission fuels)	Current production scale for all sectors
Introduction amount of	for Methanol ¹	106 mil. ton	311 mil. ton	106 mil. ton/year (of which zero-emission fuels account for less than 1% of the total)
zero-emission fuels	for Ammonia ¹	114 mil. ton	333 mil. ton	183 mil. ton/year (of which zero-emission fuels account for less than 1% of the total)
Introduction	- 2026 (Orderbook)	Newbuildings 12 mil. GT	\leftarrow	
amount of zero-emission ships	2027 - 2030	Newbuildings ² & Retrofits 85 mil. GT/year	\leftarrow	-
	2031 - 2040	-	Newbuildings ² & Retrofits 77 mil. GT/year	-
	Total amount	352 mil. GT	1,122 mil. GT	-

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✓ A 25%/72% introduction of zero-emission fuels at 2030/2040 is required to achieve the indicative checkpoints for 2030/2040.



Discussion: achieving the numerical targets of the 2023 IMO GHG Strategy

- A substantial amount of zero-emission fuels is required in international shipping to achieve the indicative checkpoints 2030/2040.
- Given the current scale of zero-emission fuel production, prompt investment promotion in the manufacturing and distribution of fuels, surpassing the pace of decarbonization in the overall energy sector, will be necessary. Early adoption and implementation of a regulatory framework, including effective carbon pricing, is essential to encourage these investment decisions.
- With regard to the newbuildings and retrofits of zero-emission fuel ships, there will not appear to be a significant bottleneck in supply capacity as long as a certain amount of zero-emission fuel ships are built and retrofitted each year. It will be essential to secure newbuildings and retrofits capacity in line with the pace of development of the zero-emission fuel production and distribution infrastructure.
- **Collective efforts** from all stakeholders, including international organizations, national governments, the maritime industry, the energy sector, shippers, and the financial sector **are needed**.

Towards the immediate target and indicative checkpoint for 2030



- To be continuously updated through dialogues with stakeholders.
- ClassNK will continue to focus on <u>support services</u> for zero-emission efforts.

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[Reference] Assumptions and details of the estimation



Study of scenarios to achieve the indicative checkpoints for 2030/2040

The scenarios were developed and visualized to determine how to achieve the indicative checkpoints for 2030/2040. (Estimations were made for ships of 5,000 gross tonnage and above engaged in international voyages.)

Method

1. The amount of energy consumption of ships in 2030/2040 is estimated by converting the amount of fuel consumption of ships in 2021 into the amount of energy consumption of ships and multiplying it by the rate of increase in marine transport volume and the rate of improvement in energy efficiency of ships from 2021 to 2030/2040.

Energy consumption of ships in 2021¹ x Rate of increase in marine transport volume² x Rate of improvement in energy efficiency of ships³

8.79 EJ⁴ x +25%/+39% x -23%/-30%

= Energy consumption of ships in 2030/2040

8.47 EJ/8.60 EJ

- ¹ Calculated based on the breakdown of fuel consumption in 2021 (fuel oil 93% and LNG 7%)
- ² Assumed an average increase based on the Fourth IMO GHG Study 2020 scenario of increased marine transport volume
- ³ In 2030, an assumption of 23% improvement compared to 2021 is made, assuming the achievement of the carbon intensity improvement target (40% improvement compared to 2008).
- ⁴ Exajoules (Exa is 10 to the power of 18.)
- 2. Regarding the energy consumption of ships in 2030/2040, scenarios were set up to allocate between conventional fuels and zero-emission fuels, comparing the "GHG emissions in these scenarios" with the "GHG emissions required to achieve the indicative checkpoints for 2030/2040." Examples of such scenarios that align are presented.

Allowable GHG emissions to achieve the indicative checkpoints for 2030/2040

(Unit: million tons CO_{2eq})

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GHG emissions	2008 (Base year)	2021 (Latest)	2030 indicative checkpoint (20% reduction from 2008)	2040 indicative checkpoint (70% reduction from 2008)
Life cycle GHG emissions (Well-to-Wake)	731	798	585	219
(Breakdown) Well-to-Tank	110	122	88	33
Tank-to-Wake	621	676	497	186

(Note) Well-to-Tank and Tank-to-Wake GHG emissions are estimated based on published fuel consumption data (IMO DCS data).

GHG emissions per unit energy value for Well-to-Tank and

Tank-to-Wake for typical fuels (GHG Intensity)

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Image for Well-to-Tank and Tank-to-Wake



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Study of an example scenario for achieving the fuel introduction target for 2030

 \rightarrow Assumption: A 5% introduction of zero-emission fuels in 2030

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→ Result of study: Only a 5% introduction of zero-emission fuels in 2030 makes it difficult to achieve the indicative checkpoint for 2030.

	Fuel oil	LNG	Zero-emission fuel	Total amount
Ship energy consumption	7.20 EJ (85%)	0.85 EJ (10%¹)	0.42 EJ (5%)	8.47 EJ (100%)
Life cycle GHG emissions (Well-to-Wake)	659 mil. ton CO _{2eq}	71 mil. ton CO _{2eq}	1 mil. ton CO _{2eq} (Methanol/Ammonia)	731 mil. ton CO_{2eq} *585 mil. ton CO _{2eq} for 2030 indicative checkpoint

¹The share of LNG fuel is assumed to increase to 10% in 2030, taking into account the actual share (7%) in 2021.

Fuel type	Introduction an (5% 2	Introduction amount of zero-emission fuels (5% zero-emission fuel)			Current production scale for all sectors		
for Methanol		21 mil. ton		21 mil. ton 106 mil. to (of which zero-emission fuels account for less than 1% of		106 mil. ton/year account for less than 1% of the total)	
for Ammonia		23 mil. ton		183 mil. ton/year (of which zero-emission fuels account for less than 1% of the total			
	2021	- 2026	iı of	2027 - 2030 ntroduction amount zero-emission ships	2030		
Zero-emission ships	Existing ships 0.75 mil. GT	Newbuildings 12 mil. GT	Ne	wbuildings 60 mil. GT (15 mil. GT/year)	72 mil. GT		
Entire fleet	1,250 mil. GT	1,330 mil. GT		-	1,430 mil. GT		

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Study of an example scenario for achieving the indicative checkpoint for 2030

- \rightarrow Assumption: Zero-emission fuels are introduced to achieve the indicative checkpoint for 2030 (a minimum of 20% reduction).
- → Result of study: Achieving the indicative checkpoint for 2030 is made possible by introducing 25% (approximately 110 million tons per year) of zero-emission fuels. Considering current production levels, significant investments are required to expand the production and distribution of zero-emission fuels.

	Fuel oil		LNG		Zero-emission fue	I Total amount
Ship energy consumption	n 5. (6	50 EJ 5%)	0.85 (109	5 EJ %)	2.12 E (25%)	J 8.47 EJ (100%)
Life cycle GHG emissio (Well-to-Wake)	ns 504 mil. ton	CO _{2eq}	71 mil. ton C	O _{2eq}	5 mil. ton CO _{2e} (Methanol/Ammonia	(a) 580 mil. ton CO _{2eq} *585 mil. ton CO _{2eq} for 2030 indicative checkpoint
Fuel type	Introduction an	nount o	of zero-emission fu	els	Current pro	oduction scale
	(25%)	(25% zero-emission fuel)			for al	l sectors
for Methanol	106 mil. to		ton		106 mil. ton/year	
					(of which zero-emission fuels	account for less than 1% of the total)
for Ammonia			114 mil.	ton		183 mil. ton/year
					(of which zero-emission fuels	account for less than 1% of the total)
	2021		- 2026	i O1	2027 - 2030 Introduction amount f zero-emission ships	2030
Zero-emission ships	Existing ships 0.75 mil. GT		Newbuildings 12 mil. GT		Newbuildings & Retrofits 340 mil. GT (85 mil. GT/year)	352 mil. GT
Entire fleet	1,250 mil. GT		1,330 mil. GT			1,430 mil. GT

[Reference] Assumptions and details of the estimation

Study of an example scenario for achieving the indicative checkpoint for 2030 (Reference: For biodiesel¹)

- ¹ Currently, biodiesel (mainly FAME) is recognized as low-emission fuels (its GHG intensity is assumed to be 15 gCO_{2eq}/MJ, equivalent to waste cooking oilderived), which is an 84% reduction compared to fuel oil, and calculations for biodiesel have been conducted for reference. It should be noted that the majority of currently produced biodiesel is consumed on land-based sectors.
- \rightarrow Assumption: Biodiesel is introduced to achieve the indicative checkpoint for 2030 (a minimum of 20% reduction).
- → Result of study: Achieving the indicative checkpoint for 2030 is made possible by introducing 29% (66 million tons per year) of biodiesel. Considering current production levels (42 million tons per year, mainly for land-based sectors), further expansion of the current production and distribution is required.

	Fuel oil	LNG	Biodiesel	Total amount
Ship energy consumption	5.16 EJ (61%)	0.85 EJ (10%)	2.46 EJ (29%)	8.47 EJ (100%)
Life cycle GHG emissions (Well-to-Wake)	473 mil. ton CO _{2eq}	71 mil. ton CO _{2eq}	37 mil. ton CO _{2eq}	581 mil. ton CO _{2eq} *585 mil. ton CO _{2eq} for 2030 indicative checkpoint
Fuel type	Introduction amount of biodiesel (29% biodiesel)		Current proc for all s	luction scale sectors
for Biodiesel		66 mil. ton		42 mil. ton/year

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Study of an example scenario for achieving the indicative checkpoint for 2040

- \rightarrow Assumption: Zero-emission fuels are introduced to achieve the indicative checkpoint for 2040 (a minimum of 70% reduction).
- → Result of study: Achieving the indicative checkpoint for 2040 is made possible by introducing 72% (approximately 320 million tons per year) of zero-emission fuels. 77 million GT of zero-emission ships per year will be required over the 10-year period of 2031 2040.

	Fuel oil	LNG	Zero-emission f	uel Total amount	
Ship energy consumption	on 1.55 EJ (18%)	0.86 EJ (10%)	6.19 (72 9	Ø EJ 8.60 EJ %) (100%)	
Life cycle GHG emissio (Well-to-Wake)	142 mil. ton CO _{2eq}	72 mil. ton CO _{2eq}	0 mil. ton CO (Methanol/Ammo	D _{2eq} onia) 214 mil. ton CO _{2eq} *219 mil. ton CO _{2eq} for 2040 indicative checkpoint	
Fuel type	Introduction amount	of zero-emission fuels	Current	production scale	
	(/2% zero-e	emission fuel)	for all sectors		
for Methanol		311 mil. ton	(of which zero-emission f	106 mil. ton/year uels account for less than 1% of the total)	
for Ammonia		333 mil. ton	(of which zero-emission f	183 mil. ton/year uels account for less than 1% of the total)	
	2030	2031 - 2040 introduction amou of zero-emission sl) unt hips	2040	
Zero-emission ships	352 mil. GT	Newbuildi 77 (77 mil.	ngs & Retrofits '0 mil. GT GT/year)	1,122 mil. GT	
Entire fleet	1,430 mil. GT	-	-	1,550 mil. GT	

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