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## **GSF Welcomes Progress on Monitoring Maritime Emissions**

The Global Shippers Forum (GSF) has welcomed progress by the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 66) to start analysing appropriate data collection methods for measures to enhance the energy efficiency of ships.

GSF has stated that the decision effectively endorses the wider need for monitoring of maritime emissions, including subsequent recording and verification of emissions to make progress at an international level on reducing maritime emissions.

Chris Welsh, Secretary General of the Global Shippers' Forum, said: "This is clearly only the beginning of a process, but it is an important first step towards agreeing a methodology for reducing maritime greenhouse gas (ghg) emissions. GSF welcomes the fact that the IMO has established a correspondence group tasked with discussing and recommending the core elements which could form the basis of an appropriate data collection system."

The correspondence group will review submissions from IMO member states' representatives and industry on what data should be collected to consider