

A photograph of the KVNR building in Rotterdam, featuring a large display of international flags on its facade. The building is a multi-story structure with a prominent central tower and a flagpole on the roof. The sky is clear and blue.

KVNR deeply disappointed over postponement of IMO NZF

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Today, after a week of climate negotiations in London, the member states of the UN International Maritime Organisation (IMO) + postponed the meeting to discuss the proposal to globally price greenhouse gas emissions from seagoing ships by one year.

The Dutch Shipowners' Association (KVNR) is deeply disappointed that it has not been possible to agree on a global approach at this stage, which would have prevented a patchwork of regional measures such as the EU ETS +. *'This should have been the culmination of a years-long process to accelerate the sustainability of the sector, while ensuring a level playing field worldwide. This postponement is therefore very disappointing,'* said Annet Koster, director of the Royal Dutch Shipowners' Association (KVNR), about the outcome.

The IMO Net-Zero Framework had the ambition to achieve net zero emissions from seagoing ships by around 2050. By postponing this addition to the MARPOL Convention by a year, the KVNR believes that the likelihood of more national and regional measures for maritime transport being introduced in different regions of the world has increased significantly.

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From 14 to 17 October 2025, there will be an extraordinary meeting of the Marine Environment Protection Committee of the International Maritime Organization (IMO MEPC). On the agenda is one of the biggest dossiers in recent maritime history: the formal adoption of the IMO Net-Zero Framework (NZF).



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