

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Resolution 78-59

November 16, 1978

WHEREAS, marine vessel operations in California Coastal Waters account for substantial quantities of air pollutants;

WHEREAS, the California Health and Safety Code and the federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1977 require extraordinary efforts to achieve the state and federal ambient air quality standards throughout California;

WHEREAS, the California Air Resources Board recognizes the need to reduce air pollution in a cost-effective fashion that will minimize economic hardships;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Air Resources Board adopts in principle the Model Rule for the Control of Sulfur Oxides and Organic Gas Emissions from Marine Vessel Operations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board instructs its staff to schedule a formal Workshop no later than March 1979 to examine remaining technical and economic questions concerning the Model Rule;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board instructs the staff to modify the rule to specifically:

- (1) Provide that U.S.-flag vessels will not suffer undue discrimination;
- (2) insure that normal bunker operations will not be subject to the vapor recovery requirements of the Rule;
- (3) eliminate any portions of the Rule which would put California ports at a significant economic disadvantage when compared to other west coast ports;
- (4) assure that any systems used for emissions control will not jeopardize vessel safety;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the staff to determine the availability and cost of low-sulfur bunker fuel;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board instructs the Executive Officer, following the formal Workshop, to reschedule consideration of the Model Rule before the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board instructs the Executive Officer to confer with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Coast Guard, International Marine Consultive Organization and other appropriate organizations to determine whether an acceptable international control program can be developed in lieu of the proposed Model Rule.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution 78-59 as passed by the Air Resources Board.


Joan Gilpin, Board Secretary