

Dear Customer,

As announced on industry forums, the European Directive (EU) 2023/959, which includes the maritime sector in a new CO2 emissions pricing system, the "European Union Emissions Trading Scheme" (EU ETS), came into force on 5 June last year.

This new European directive stipulates that, from 1 January 2024, shipping companies calling at European ports will be required to offset the emissions they produce by purchasing CO2 emission allowances (European Union Allowance equivalent to 1 tonne of CO2 emitted) on the regulated market of the European Trading System (EU ETS).

The implementation of the EU ETS regulation will require all shipping companies to buy allowances, with gradual phasing-in:

- 40% for emissions produced on or after 01.01.2024
- 70% for emissions produced on or after 01.01.2025
- 100% for emissions produced on or after 01.01.2026

Member States may request a temporary exemption for transport to islands with a permanent population of less than 200,000. In the case of the Balearic Islands, this exemption would apply to the entire archipelago, with the exception of Mallorca.

This tax obliges shipping companies to purchase EUA quotas (allowances) to offset the tonnes of CO2 emitted from 1 January 2024. These allowances are listed on the ETS market and their value can change daily.

Trasmed, as part of the Grimaldi Group, is analysing the best way to minimise the impact of this measure by improving the efficiency of its fleet and operations. However, there are currently no alternative fuels that completely eliminate emissions. Therefore, in order to comply with the mandatory European regulations, from 1 January 2024 we will apply a surcharge of €3.5/linear metre for all goods except cars, to which a different surcharge applies, for return trips to and from Mallorca. This amount is based on an average price of emission rights of €90/T CO2. This value will be reviewed quarterly if the average price of emission rights fluctuates by more than 10%, correcting this surcharge proportionally upwards or downwards depending on the new price of emission rights during the following quarter.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any further clarification.

Best regards,

