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FuelEU Maritime 2026 Readiness Pack

30 April 2026 first compliance balance deadline — what to do
in the next 60 days

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The 30 April 2026 deadline

FuelEU Maritime (Regulation EU 2023/1805) entered into force on 1 January 2025 and introduces a **well-to-wake (WtW) GHG intensity standard** for energy used on board ships of **5,000 GT and above** calling at EU/EEA ports. The first compliance balance must be approved in the FuelEU database by **30 April 2026** for the 2025 reporting year, and a Document of Compliance must be carried on board by 30 June 2026.

Calculate your indicative balance now: use the free FuelEU Maritime Balance Calculator at varuna-sentinels.com/fueeu-maritime-balance-calculator before reading further.

Reduction targets

Period	Reduction vs 2020	Target (gCO ₂ eq/MJ)
2020 reference	—	91.16
2025–2029	–2%	89.34
2030–2034	–6%	85.69
2035–2039	–14.5%	77.94
2040–2044	–31%	62.90
2045–2049	–62%	34.64
From 2050	–80%	18.23

60-day readiness checklist

01. Confirm your 2025 fuel consumption data is verifier-ready (per fuel type, in EU scope only).
02. Verify Well-to-Wake intensity values per fuel batch — defaults vs verifier-approved actuals can differ materially.
03. Decide pooling strategy: bank surplus to 2026 OR pool across multiple vessels in same reporting period.
04. If deficit anticipated, model penalty exposure and compare with cost of bio-fuel / RFNBO blending.
05. Engage your verifier (recognised body) — typically the same classification society that handles your IHM.
06. Update IHM Part I if alternative-fuel retrofits added new fuel-system materials (LNG insulation, methanol gaskets, etc.).

07. Document onboard fuel consumption monitoring plan. []
08. Sequence the FuelEU compliance balance approval (30 April) before Document of Compliance issuance (30 June). []
09. Pre-brief commercial team on charter clauses for FuelEU compliance pass-through. []
10. Sync FuelEU data with EU ETS for shipping (also in scope) for combined Q1 reporting. []

How Varuna Sentinels supports FuelEU compliance

The **VS Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) Portal** aligns with ISO 14040/14044 to produce verifier-grade Well-to-Wake intensity values per fuel batch — the foundation of your FuelEU compliance balance. Combined with the **VS ESG Reporting Portal** and our regulatory advisory practice, you get a single workflow from monitoring through verification to Document of Compliance.

Free tool: use varuna-sentinels.com/fueleu-maritime-balance-calculator for an instant indicative balance.

Ready to Implement?

Book a 30-minute call with our IHM specialists.

We'll review your fleet's specific obligations and map a continuous compliance plan.

SCHEDULE A COMPLIANCE CALL

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