

## Container lines criticize IMO for delaying carbon emission changes

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Criticism at what have been seen as delaying tactics by the IMO under the guise of “further reviews” of decarbonization within the shipping industry has continued. The World Shipping Council (WSC) expressed disappointment that the UN organization “stalled” research and development funding that was expected to discover the fuel of the future.

The WSC said that “our challenge as a hard-to-abate sector is that the technology and fuels needed for a transition to zero CO<sub>2</sub> are not yet available,” said WSC chief executive John Butler.

Butler declared it was encouraging to see the maritime sector being included in discussion between governments at the recent COP26 climate change talks in Glasgow. “It is then all the more disappointing to watch the same governments that were making lofty statements at COP26 just days ago, again fail to walk the talk when it comes to real action at the IMO,” he said.

At COP26 a number of shipping executives had said that the greatest threat to decarbonizing the industry was the lack of political investment in developing green technology.

International Chamber of Shipping (ICS) chairman Esben Poulsson said that “the net-zero carbon pathway that we have all committed to is not achievable without a rapid and unified increase in research and development.”