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IRClass: IACS priorities heading into a new decade

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Arun Sharma, executive chairman the Indian Register of Shipping (IRClass), intends to pack as much into his one-year tenure as chair of the International Association of Classification Societies (IACS) as possible. He is set to take over the position in July and has a raft of plans readied, which he shares today with *Maritime CEO*.

IACS will identify areas to contribute in meeting the IMO targets of 50% reduction in GHG emissions, Sharma says.

On the regulatory side ensuring the industry complies with the 2020 sulphur limit will be one of the defining elements of his IACS chairmanship.

Sharma also wants to help IMO fast-track matters related to new technologies and quality aspects.

"We would like to see an enhanced industry interaction and closer engagement with all stakeholders," Sharma tells *Maritime CEO* in an exclusive interview.

Another priority under his watch will be to build a consensus within IACS for an integrated solutions approach to help the industry to comply with the new regulations.