

Legislative and regulatory review of sustainability in shipping in Pakistan

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We have been mandated by the [Pakistan Regional Economic Integration Activity](#) on behalf of [USAID](#) to undertake a crucial review of green shipping practices in Pakistan, analyzing laws and regulations to develop recommendations for reducing environmental impact and promoting sustainability.

Leveraging our expertise in maritime and environmental law, we are conducting a comprehensive review of existing legal and policy framework, relevant international conventions, industry best practices and diverse stakeholder perspectives. The goal is to develop practical and tailored recommendations attuned to Pakistan's context to inform adoption of greener alternatives within the shipping industry.

The wide-ranging study will assess legislative measures to curb emissions, boost adoption of renewables, and implement energy-efficient marine technologies. By engaging public and private stakeholders, it seeks to build consensus on transitioning towards sustainable shipping practices.

"This timely review will help shape evidence-based policies enabling the shipping sector to grow responsibly," commented Mazhar Bangash, Partner and Head of the International Trade Practice at RIAA Barker Gillette.

The study will provide valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities around green shipping in Pakistan. Its findings will aim to shape future policies, regulations and initiatives to create a more sustainable, resilient and economically thriving shipping industry aligned with global environmental commitments.

As the study progresses, we will continue to collaborate closely with partners for an impactful outcome. The findings will aim to provide a crucial roadmap to align the shipping industry with environmental stewardship goals.

The team undertaking this study is led by [Mazhar Bangash](#) (Partner – Pakistan), and includes Ehsan Ejaz (Senior Associate), Momin Taufiq (Associate), and Saman Shahrukh (Junior Associate).

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