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## **Assignment on implementation of zero emissions requirement for cruise ships, tourist boats and ferries in the World Heritage fjords by 2026**

The Ministry of Climate and Environment refers to the Storting's petition resolution regarding a requirement to reach zero emissions from cruise ships, tourist boats and ferries in the World Heritage fjords as soon as technically feasible, and by 2026 at the latest. In 2020, the Norwegian Maritime Authority (NMA) submitted a report on technological possibilities to implement the petition resolution. In the winter of 2021, the Storting considered a Private Member's Motion to postpone the zero emissions requirement, which was not pursued. At the same time, the Storting adopted the following two additional resolutions:

*The Storting asks the Government to contribute to the implementation of measures initiated by local and regional authorities in order to reduce emissions and discharges in the World Heritage fjords (Resolution No. 690).*

*The Storting asks the Government to propose measures to ensure that the World Heritage fjords will remain ports of call for cruise ships beyond 2026, partly by ensuring that the Norwegian State will secure the installation of shore power facilities in Flåm as planned by 2022 (Resolution No. 691).*

Consequently, the Ministry of Climate and Environment asks the NMA to take stock and present proposals on how to meet and implement the zero emissions requirements for cruise ships, tourist boats and ferries in the World Heritage fjords by 2026.

The work of the NMA should be based on previous studies. An assessment should be made of the need to update the knowledge base related to the state of technological development and other relevant aspects, such as local and commercial interests. We ask that the NMA assesses the administrative and economic consequences, as well as other societal effects, of the implementation of the requirements. This includes an assessment of relevant measures to ensure that the World Heritage fjords will remain ports of call for cruise ships beyond 2026.

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As part of this assignment, the NMA is requested to prepare draft Regulations pursuant to Chapter 5 of the Ship Safety Act.

This work should include ongoing dialogue with stakeholders, such as municipalities and port authorities, through the establishment of a reference group. Furthermore, the NMA is requested to involve other affected agencies in their work.

We kindly request a response by 31 December 2022.

Yours sincerely,

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