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To : Maritime Lloyd Authorized Surveyors

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Subject: Entry into force of Ballast Water Management Convention

Dear All,

Recent accession by Finland, as of 08th September 2016, to The International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM Convention) brings the combined tonnage of contracting States to the treaty to 35.1441%, with 52 contracting Parties. As the BWM Convention shall enter into force twelve months after the date on which not less than 30 States, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 35 percent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping, the BWM Convention will enter into force on 8 September 2017.

According to the Convention all ships shall comply with ballast water performance standards (D-2) on first IOPP renewal survey after 8 September 2017. Ships must conduct ballast water management that at least meets the ballast water exchange standard (D-1) until meet the D-2 standards. Each ship shall have on board and implement a Ballast Water Management plan. This plan should be approved in accordance with (G4) Guidelines for Ballast Water Management and Development of Ballast Water Management Plans.

The Ballast Water Management Plans, approved in accordance with resolution A.868(20), should remain valid until they require revision due to the installation of a ballast water management system. Each ship shall also, maintain a ballast water record book, manage their ballast water on every voyage by performing ballast water exchange (or by treating it using an approved ballast water treatment system), and undertake an initial survey and be issued with an International Ballast Water Management Certificate.

Also you may find the corresponding Circular at the Maritime Lloyd's website: www.geolloyd.com.

Kindly confirm the understanding of the Circular.

Best Regards,

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