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**Subject: Ballast Water Management BWM Policy**

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The International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM Convention) will enter into force on 08/09/2017. Up until last week existing ships, constructed (keel laid date) before 08/09/2017 shall comply with Regulation D-2 (i.e. installation of a BWTS) at the first renewal MARPOL/IOPP survey after the date of entry into force.

Following MEPC 71, a revision of Regulation B-3 of the BWM Convention has been agreed changing the installation schedule of BWTS (Regulation D-2) on board existing ships constructed (keel laid date) before 08/09/2017. Herewith below are the new requirements that supersede the implementation schedule adopted by IMO Resolution A.1088(28).

New ships / Ships constructed (keel laid date) after 08/09/2017:

This implementation schedule remains the same therefore, new ships must comply with Regulation D-2 and install on board an approved BWTS on delivery.

Existing ships / Ships constructed (keel laid date) before 08/09/2017:

Existing ships must comply with Regulation D-2 and install an approved BWTS on board on the first renewal MARPOL/IOPP survey after 08/09/2017 if:

- the renewal MARPOL/IOPP survey is completed on or after 08/09/2019; or
- a renewal MARPOL/IOPP survey is completed on or after 08/09/2014 but before 08/09/2017.

New implementation schedule for the installation of a Ballast Water Treatment System on board existing ships

The MEPC 71 has approved a revised implementation schedule for the installation of a ballast water treatment system (BWTS) on board existing ships as required by Regulation D-2 of the BWM Convention. Ships constructed on or after 08/09/2017 must still comply with the installation of a BWTS upon delivery.

This means that if your ship has undergone a renewal MARPOL/IOPP survey between 08/09/2014 to 08/09/2017 must be installed with an approved BWTS at the first MARPOL/IOPP survey due after 08/09/2017.



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Existing ships must comply with Regulation D-2 and install an approved BWTS on board on the second renewal MARPOL/IOPP survey after 08/09/2017 if:

- the first renewal MARPOL/IOPP survey after 08/09/2017 is completed before 08/09/2019; and
- if the conditions to complete at the first renewal IOPP (outlined above) are not met.

This means that if your ship will undergo a renewal MARPOL/IOPP survey between 08/09/2017 to 08/09/2019 this shall not be de-harmonized in order for the ship to be installed with an approved BWTS at the second MARPOL/IOPP survey after 08/09/2017.

Existing ships that MARPOL/IOPP survey does not apply:

For existing oil tankers of less than 150 GT and other ships of less than 400 GT, that the MARPOL/IOPP survey is not applicable shall comply with the installation of a BWTS no later than 08/09/2024 or from a date decided by the flag State Administration.

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