



CIRCULAR MCO – 013/2017

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FROM: MCO HEAD OFFICE – TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT
TO: OWNERS /MANAGEMENTS/SURVEYORS.
SUBJECT: BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT-MEPC -71 (3 To 7 July 2017)

The purpose of this Merchant Marine Circular is to inform that the Republic of Panama submitted to the Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization, the accession of the Ballast Water Management Convention 2004, including a declaration in accordance with the recommendation contained in Resolution A.1088(28) on 19 October 2016; and that the Convention will enter into force on **8 September 2017**.

As well as give additional guidance and instructions in line with the decision of the Marine Environmental Protection Committee (MEPC session 71) on the approval of the draft amendments to regulation B-3 of the BWM Convention, which will be circulated to Member States for adoption during MEPC 72 scheduled to be held from April 9 -13, 2018; and the draft MEPC resolution on determination of the date referred to in regulation B-3, as amended, of the BWM Convention, which the Secretary-General will circulate immediately upon entry into force of the Convention.

As per the draft documents the MEPC has resolved that, in lieu of the implementation schedule recommended in resolution A.1088(28) and notwithstanding the schedule set forth in regulation B-3 of the Convention, the Parties to the Ballast Water Management Convention should implement the draft amended regulation B-3 contained therein, immediately after entry into force of the Convention, with a view to avoiding the creation of a dual treaty regime during the time period between the entry into force of the Convention and the entry into force of the amended regulation B-3.

Ballast Water Management System:

- 1- Noting that Parties to the Ballast Water Management Convention are called to implement the draft amended regulation B-3, that has been adopted by the Marine Environmental Protection Committee (MEPC) during its 71 session, which will supersede the resolution A.1088(28) of 4 December 2013, immediately after entry into force of the Convention, stakeholders are informed that compliance with regulation D-2 shall be as follows for ships constructed:

- 1.1 before 2009 with any ballast water capacity from the applicable renewal survey as described in paragraph 4
 - 1.2 in or after 2009 and before 8 September 2017 with a ballast water capacity of less than 5000 m³ from the date of the applicable renewal survey described in paragraph 4
 - 1.3 in or after 2009 and before 2012 with a ballast water capacity of 5000 m³ or more from the date of the applicable renewal survey described in paragraph 4
 - 1.4 in or after 2012 and before 2017 with a ballast water capacity of 5000 m³ or more from the date of the applicable renewal survey described in paragraph 4
- 2- Ship constructed on or after 8 September 2017 shall conduct, Ballast Water Management that at least meets the standard described in regulation D-2.
 - 3- In case of oil tankers of less than 150 gross tonnage, and every other ship less than of 400 gross tonnage constructed before 8 September 2017 with any ballast water ballast capacity, shall conduct Ballast Water Management that at least meets the standard described in regulation D-2 not later than 8 September 2024.
 - 4- Installation of BWMS to comply with regulation D-2, shall be carried out after the entry into force of the Convention (8 September 2017), **in case of ships constructed prior 8 September 2017**, as follows:
 - 4.1 On the first renewal survey - 1st IOPP (R) following the date of entry into force of the Convention (8 September 2017), provided this renewal survey is completed on or after 8 September 2019, or
 - 4.2 On the first renewal survey - 1st IOPP (RS) following the date of entry into force of the Convention (8 September 2017), provided that this renewal survey is completed on or after 8 September 2014 but prior to 8 September 2017.
 - 4.3 On the second renewal survey - 2nd IOPP (RS) following the date of entry into force of the Convention (8 September 2017) if the first renewal survey - 1st IOPP (RS) following the date of entry into force of the Convention is completed prior to 8 September 2019, provided that the conditions of paragraph 3.7.2 are not met.
 - 4.4 The following diagram has been prepared with the purpose to assist on the understanding of the paragraphs 3.7.1 to 3.7.3 above, on the implementation of D-2 standard on board ships constructed prior 8 September 2017:



Note: 1st and 2nd IOPP renewal surveys referred above are those surveys carried out after the entry into force of the Convention.

INTERNATIONAL BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE (IBWMC)

International Ballast Water Management Certificates (IBWMC), issued from 8 September 2017, will be valid until the expiry date of the International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate, in order to facilitate the smooth and uniform implementation of D-2 standard and the future alignment with the remaining statutory certificates.

Therefore, MACOSNAR CORPORATION include on the Ballast Water Management Convention Survey Report, the date of validity of the International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate (IOPP), find attached the format for your reference.

Please confirm of safe receipt and understanding.

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