

BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT CONVENTION

Application: All shipowners, operators, masters and officers of merchant ships and authorised classification societies

The entry into force requirements were met on 8th September 2016, therefore the Convention were due to enter into force on 8th September 2017. However, at MEPC 71 it was agreed that ships constructed after 8th September 2017 must comply on delivery, while existing ships in general must comply by the first IOPP renewal after 8th September 2019. This Technical Alert provides revised information on the application dates for provisions of the Convention to allow owners to plan for implementation and supersedes Bulletin No.264.

1. Ballast Water Management Convention Requirements

1.1. The Convention requires ships to have the following upon entry into force:

- i. Approved ballast water management plan (Regulation B-1);
- ii. Ballast water record book (Regulation B-2);
- iii. An International Ballast Water Management Certificate (issued after survey under Regulation E-1).

Ballast water record books are available to purchase from Barbados Maritime but we will also accept other approved record books that meet the IMO standard.

1.2. The Convention also requires ships to be fitted with an approved ballast water treatment system, which meets the discharge standard specified in Regulation D-2.

1.3. Any ship which has been surveyed for compliance with the Convention may be issued with a Ballast Water Management Statement of Compliance by the Barbados Recognised Organisation which classes the ship.

1.4. When the Convention has entered into force, any Statements of Compliance issued to Barbados by Barbados Recognised Organisations shall be replaced directly with an International Ballast Water Management Certificate, without survey, with the expiry date being no later than that on the existing Statement of Compliance.

2. Convention Implementation Dates

2.1. Ships to which the Convention applies, with a keel laying date before 8th September 2017, are required to comply with the discharge standard specified in Regulation D-2 of the Convention by the first IOPP renewal survey after 8th September 2019.

2.2. Ships to which the Convention applies, with a keel laying date on or after 8th September 2017, are required to comply with the discharge standard specified in Regulation D-2 of the Convention on delivery.

2.3. Regulation D-1 (ballast water exchange) applies to all ships to which the Convention applies from 8th September 2017.

3. IOPP Renewal Surveys

3.1. Taking IMO Assembly Resolution A.1088(28) into account, Barbados Maritime has received a number of requests to bring the IOPP renewal survey for some ships forward (i.e. to “de-couple” the IOPP renewal survey), in order to defer the date of compliance with the Convention.

3.2. Where the IOPP renewal survey is completed early and de-coupled with the remaining renewal surveys, it is recommended that the IOPP renewal be re-coupled with the remaining renewal surveys at the earliest possible date.

3.3. Where renewal surveys are completed more than 3 months before the expiry date of the existing statutory certificates, the new statutory certificates shall be valid for 5 years and coupled with the date of completion of the last renewal survey to be completed.

3.4. In all cases where the owner wishes to complete the IOPP renewal survey early, the Recognised Organisation (Class) shall advise Barbados Maritime.

4. United States of America

4.1. The United States Coast Guard has issued updated guidance on its Ballast Water Management Program. Please refer to Marine Safety Information Bulletin 13-15 ([click here](#)), Coast Guard Policy Letter No.1301, Revision 2 ([click here](#)) and Marine Safety Information Bulletin 010/16 ([click here](#)).

This bulletin supersedes Bulletin No.264, which is hereby cancelled.