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**Maritime Circular to Maritime Registrars, Shipowners, Masters, Managers & Operators of St. Kitts & Nevis Ships, Classification Societies, Recognised Organisations, Recognised Security Organisations, Surveyors of Ships & Flag State Inspectors to this SKANReg, Seafarers & IMO Member States**

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**BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT CONVENTION I.O.P.P. DEHARMONISATION & COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF D1 STANDARD**

This Maritime Circular supersedes Maritime Circular MC/70/17, which should be viewed as cancelled.

This Maritime Circular is to provide guidance to all Ship-owners, Managers & Operators of St. Kitts and Nevis vessels regarding IMO Assembly Resolution A. 1088(28) and the requirements to comply with D1 standard of the Ballast Water Management Convention, 2004.

This Administration has ratified the Ballast Water Management Convention, 2004 as of 30 August 2005, in order to support a phased implementation and ensure a smooth transition to the D-2 performance standard of the Convention between 2017 and 2022.

In accordance with IMO Resolution A. 1088(28), vessels are not required to comply with the regulation D-2 until its International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate first renewal survey following the date of entry into force of the Ballast Water Management Convention. The date of entry into force is 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

St. Kitts and Nevis International Ship Registry notes that neither the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 as modified by the Protocol of 1978 (MARPOL Convention), or the Survey Guidelines under the Harmonised System of Survey and Certification (HSSC) prevent vessels from carrying out their renewal inspections in advance.

After consideration of the above, this administration will authorise, upon the owners request, the de-harmonisation of the IOPP certificate and associated survey until the date in which the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 comes into force.

Where such authorisation is granted to de-harmonise the IOPP certificate and associated surveys, Ship-owners, Managers & Operators of St. Kitts and Nevis vessels must comply with the requirements of the D-1 standard by the date in which the convention enters into force, which is currently 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Requests for the de-harmonisation of the IOPP certificate should follow the procedures as stipulated in Maritime Circular MC 08 09 – Application for an Exemption.

Renewal Inspections of the IOPP certificate that are made in advance, in order to defer the date of compliance of the Ballast Water Management Convention are permitted to be conducted while afloat on the provision that all applicable requirements of the renewal survey are complied with.

Authorisation is not compulsory should the operator decide to renew all statutory certification in advance.

Yours truly,

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