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## MARINE CIRCULAR

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**FOR:** Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters, Ship Officers, Classification Societies

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO THE IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE FOR REGULATION D-2 (BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT CONVENTION) ADOPTED AT MEPC71**

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

The following abbreviations stand for:

- “BWM” – Ballast Water Management
- “BWMC” – International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004
- “EIF” – Entry into force
- “GT” – Gross Tonnage in accordance to ITC 69
- “IBWMC” – International Ballast Water Management Certificate
- “IMO” – International Maritime Organization
- “IOPP” – International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate under MARPOL Annex I
- “ITC 69” – International Convention on the Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969
- “MARPOL” – International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978
- “MEPC” – Marine Environment and Protection Committee (IMO)
- “RO” – Recognized Organization as defined by IMO Resolution A.789(19).

The term “Administration” shall mean the Tuvalu Ship Registry;

#### **PURPOSE:**

The BWMC shall enter into force on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017, and this circular serves to notify all parties concerned of the amended implementation schedule for Regulation D-2 compliance which was adopted during MEPC71. The circular supercedes Sections 3.1 and 3.2 of Tuvalu Marine Circular MC-3/2016/1 (reference (b)).

#### **REFERENCES:**

- (a) BWMC, *International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004*
- (b) Tuvalu Marine Circular MC-3/2016/1, *Entry into force of Ballast Water Management Convention*

#### **BACKGROUND:**

IMO has adopted the amended implementation scheme for vessels to comply with Regulation D-2 under the BWMC at the MEPC71 held from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017 thus providing clarity and certainty regarding the mandatory compliance dates for treatment of ballast water discharge.

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1. Vessels constructed (Keel Laid) on or after 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017 shall comply with Regulation D-2 on delivery.
2. Vessels (Keel Laid) before 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017 and delivered after that date will need to comply with Regulation D-2 at the First IOPP Renewal Survey after delivery.
3. Existing vessels shall comply with Regulation D-2 on:
  - 3.1. First IOPP Renewal Survey after 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019; or
  - 3.2. First IOPP Renewal Survey after 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017 **IF** an IOPP Renewal Survey is completed between 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2014 and 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017; or
  - 3.3. Second IOPP Renewal Survey after 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017 **IF** the First IOPP Renewal Survey after 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017 is completed before 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019 (this is on condition that no IOPP Renewal Survey was carried out between 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2014 and 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017).
4. Existing vessels below 400 GT (or Oil Tankers below 150 GT), in which IOPP Renewal Survey does not apply, shall comply with Regulation D-2 no later than 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024.
5. **Conclusion**
  - 5.1. IMO shall in due course circulate the agreed text for the amendments to the BWMC to reflect the above implementation schedule.
  - 5.2. This Administration recommends that shipowners/operators contact their vessels' ROs early in order to carefully examine and consider their vessel's individual IOPP Renewal dates so as to ensure compliance with the above schedule.
  - 5.3. This Administration also recommends that shipowners/operators review the above carefully as vessels with the last IOPP Renewal Survey carried out before 8 September 2014 may lose up to two years on the D-2 implementation date by choosing to de-harmonize the IOPP Renewal Survey before EIF.

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