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## Notice to Shipping 03

### IOPP DE-HARMONISATION ROLL BACK

**To** : Ship owners, Ship's operators and managers, Masters, RO's  
**Applicable to** : Ballast Water Management Convention compliance  
**Effective as from** : 01 April 2018

After the accession of the BWMC by Finland, the date of entry-into-force of the Convention was set to 8 September 2017. Since that date, and because of the wording of regulation B-3 of the Convention, de-harmonization of the IOPP certificate was carried out for a large number of ships, resulting in an extension of the date on which these ships will have to comply with the D-2 standard.

During MEPC 71 the alternate amendments to regulation B-3 were adopted, resulting in an extension of maximum two years of the date of compliance with the D-2 standard (installation of a BW treatment system).

The most important changes to regulation B-3 are copied below:

5 A ship to which the renewal survey described in paragraph 10 does not apply, shall conduct Ballast Water Management that at least meets the standard described in regulation D-2 from the date decided by the Administration, but not later than 8 September 2024.

10 Notwithstanding regulation E-1.1.2, the renewal survey referred to in paragraphs 1.1, 1.2, 2 or 4 is:

- .1 the first renewal survey as determined by the Committee following the date of entry into force of the Convention if:
  - .1 this survey is completed on or after 8 September 2019; or
  - .2 this survey is completed on or after 8 September 2014 but prior to 8 September 2017;
- .2 the second renewal survey as determined by the Committee following the date of entry into force of the Convention if the first renewal survey following the date of entry into force of the Convention is completed prior to 8 September 2019, provided that the conditions of paragraph 10.1.2 are not met."



This translates into the following schedule:

	Last IOPP renewal survey						Ultimate installation date BW treatment system						
	8-9-2012	8-9-2013	8-9-2014	8-9-2015	8-9-2016	8-9-2017	8-9-2018	8-9-2019	8-9-2020	8-9-2021	8-9-2022	8-9-2023	8-9-2024
Ship 1	IOPP renewal					1 <sup>st</sup> IOPP renewal						2 <sup>nd</sup> IOPP renewal	
Ship 2		IOPP renewal					1 <sup>st</sup> IOPP renewal						2 <sup>nd</sup> IOPP renewal
Ship 3			IOPP renewal					1 <sup>st</sup> IOPP renewal					
Ship 4				IOPP renewal					1 <sup>st</sup> IOPP renewal				
Ship 5					IOPP renewal					1 <sup>st</sup> IOPP renewal			
<b>D-2 Compliance</b>													

Vessels that have de-harmonized the IOPP certificate will likely have done so in the period from 8-9-2016 to 8-9-2017. Installation of a system will then be required after the first IOPP renewal. After the assessment and the legal advice received about the possibilities of undoing the de-harmonization, the MAC decided to fully support the above schedule and grant the re-harmonization of the IOPP certificate of the vessels that have executed the de-harmonization prior the date of entry into force of the BWMC.

De-harmonization of the IOPP certificate after the new amendments to B-3 will not offer benefits anymore in most cases.

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