

BWMS Code

Amended Rules and Guidance

Rules for Ballast Water Management Installations

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Guidance for the Approval and Type Approval of Materials and Equipment for Marine Use

Reason for Amendment

Ballast water management systems intended to be installed onboard ships are required to receive Administration approval which takes into account relevant IMO guidelines such as the “Guidelines for Approval of Ballast Water Management Systems (G8)”. Since these guidelines, however, are only considered to be non-mandatory under the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships’ Ballast Water and Sediments (the BWMC), a proposal for making compliance with them mandatory was discussed by the IMO.

As a result, the above-mentioned G8 guideline was adopted as the “BWMS Code” at the 72nd session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC72) held in May 2018 and compliance with it was made mandatory by IMO Resolution MEPC.300(72). In addition, definitions (Regulation A-1) and approval requirements (Regulation D-3) for ballast water management system specified in the Annex to the BWMC were amended by IMO Resolution MEPC.296(72) in accordance with the adoption of the BWMS Code.

Accordingly, the relevant requirements and guidelines were amended in accordance with IMO Resolutions MEPC.300(72) and MEPC.296(72).

Outline of Amendment

The main contents of this amendment are as follows:

- (1) Specified the definition of the “BWMS Code”.
- (2) Amended approval requirements for ballast water management systems installed on or after 28 October 2020 and before 28 October 2020.
- (3) Amended approval requirements for ballast water management systems in accordance with the BWMS Code.

Amended Requirements

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Part 1: 2.1.1

Part 2: 2.1.3, 2.1.5

Part 3: 3.3, 3.4

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Part 3: 3.3, 3.4

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Part 2: 11.1.1, 11.1.2, 11.2.2, 11.3.3, 11.3.4, 11.4.1, 11.4.2, 11.4.3, 11.4.4, 11.4.5, 11.4.6, 11.4.7, 11.5.4, 11.5.5, 11.5.6, 11.5.7, 11.5.8, 11.5.9, 11.6.1, 11.6.2, 11.6.3