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## 香港商船資訊

## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

## **Guidelines for Port State Control under the Ballast Water Management Convention**

To: Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters and Classification Societies

## **Summary**

This Note advises that IMO has adopted the "Guidelines for port State control under the BWM Convention".

- 1. The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the International Maritime Organization at its 67<sup>th</sup> session in October 2014 has adopted, by Resolution MEPC.252(67), the "Guidelines for port State control under the BWM Convention".
- 2. The details of the related resolution can be found from the website of Marine Department (http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html) as attachment to this Note.
- 3. Noting that the BWM Convention is yet to be entered into force, shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, masters and classification societies are invited to note the information provided in the Guidelines.

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