



## 香港商船資訊

## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

**Entry into Force of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004**

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

***Summary***

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned of the fulfillment of the entry into force criteria of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (the BWM Convention) and the BWM Convention will enter into force on 8 September 2017.

1. The BWM Convention has fulfilled the entry into force criteria and the Convention will come into force on 8 September 2017. The following classification societies have been agreed by this Department to carry out survey, approval work and the issuance of certificate of compliance required by the BWM Convention for any Hong Kong registered ships which are under the Society's classification:

- American Bureau of Shipping (ABS);
- Bureau Veritas (BV);
- China Classification Society (CCS);
- DNV GL;
- Korean Register of Shipping (KR);
- Lloyd's Register (LR);
- Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (NK);
- RINA S.p.A. (RINA); and
- Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (RS)

2. The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region is now preparing the necessary local legislation for the implementation of the BWM Convention in Hong Kong. Pending the local implementation of the BWM Convention, the carriage of Certificate of Compliance is intended as an interim measure on a voluntary basis.

3. In order to avoid unnecessary delay in ports which have implemented the BWM Convention, ships are required to comply with the requirements of the Convention where applicable when visit these ports, such as carriage on board the ballast water management plan, record book and conduct ballast water exchange at sea. The amendments to regulation B-3 regarding the implementation of the D-2 ballast water performance standard will be further discussed in MEPC 71 meeting in July this year and the shipping industry will be informed of the development in due course.

4. Any enquiries on this Merchant Shipping Information Note may be directed to the Senior Surveyor of the Maritime Policy Branch at telephone number 2852 4395 or by e-mail to “hkmpd@mardep.gov.hk”.

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