



2016 Guidelines for Approval of Ballast Water Management Systems (G8)

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to promulgate IMO resolution MEPC.279(70) and to advise the parties concerned of the *2016 Guidelines for approval of ballast water management systems (G8)* (the 2016 Guidelines (G8)), applicable to ballast water management systems intended for installation on board all ships required to comply with regulation D-2.

1. On 28 October 2016, the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of IMO, at its 70th session, adopted the 2016 Guidelines (G8) by virtue of resolution MEPC.279(70). The revision to the guidelines updates the approval procedures for ballast water management systems (BWMS). Concerning the application dates of the revised Guidance, the MEPC recommended the revised Guidelines (G8) will be put into effect as soon as possible, but not later than 28 October 2018, and agreed that BWMS installed on ships on or after 28 October 2020 should be type-approved under the 2016 Guidelines (G8). BWMS installed prior to 28 October 2020 should be approved taking into account either the Guidelines for approval of ballast water management systems adopted by resolution MEPC.174(58) or preferably the 2016 Guidelines (G8).
2. The resolution MEPC.279(70) can be found as attachment to this Note on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>).
3. Shipowners, ship managers, ship operators, shipbuilders and classification societies are advised to note the relevant Guidelines and act accordingly.

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