



## 香港商船資訊

## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

**Approval of the unified interpretation of Appendix I (Form of the International Ballast Water Management Certificate) of the BWM Convention**

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

***Summary***

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned on the approval of the unified interpretation of Appendix I (Form of the International Ballast Water Management Certificate) of the BWM Convention by the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) at its 72<sup>nd</sup> session through Circular BWM.2/Circ.66.

1. On 20 April 2018, Circular BWM.2/Circ.66 was issued in respect of the approval of the unified interpretation of Appendix I (Form of the International Ballast Water Management Certificate) of the BWM Convention by the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) at its 72<sup>nd</sup> session, as set out in the annex of the Circular.
2. The unified interpretation is intended to clarify the text "date installed" in relation to "Method of ballast water management used". For the purpose of operative paragraphs 4 and 5 of the 2016 Guidelines for approval of ballast water management system (G8), the work "date installed" means the contractual date of delivery of the ballast water management system to the ship.
3. The Circular BWM.2/Circ.66 can be found on the website of Marine Department (<http://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachment to this Note.
4. Any enquiries in relation to 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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