



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to Guidelines for ballast water management and development of ballast water management plans (G4)

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

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to advise the parties concerned on the adoption of the amendments to Guidelines for ballast water management and development of ballast water management plans (G4) at the 73rd Session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 73) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

1. The MEPC 73 adopted the resolution MEPC.306(73) on 26 October 2018 to amend Guidelines for ballast water management and development of ballast water management plans (G4). In this set of amendments, it recommends that new BWM Plans may include contingency measures to be taken in the event it is determined that the ballast water to be discharged is not compliant with the D-2 biological standard.
2. A copy of the aforementioned resolution can be found on the website of Marine Department (<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/msnote/msin.html>) as attachment to this Note.
3. Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters and Classification Societies are advised to note the information and act accordingly.
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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