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## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

**Updated 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 updated 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 74<sup>th</sup> session through Circular BWM.2/Circ.66/Rev.1. This Note supersedes Hong Kong Merchant Shipping Information Note (MSIN) No. 5/2018.

1. The MEPC, at its 74th session, approved the updated unified interpretation of Appendix I (Form of the International Ballast Water Management Certificate) of the BWM Convention, as stipulated in Circular BWM.2/Circ.66/Rev.1, with appropriate references to the mandatory Code for Approval of Ballast Water Management Systems (BWMS Code) instead of the 2016 Guidelines for approval of ballast water management systems (the Guidelines (G8)).
2. A copy of aforementioned Circular BWM.2/Circ.66/Rev.1 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".

5. The Merchant Shipping Information Note (MSIN) No.5/2018 issued on 18 May 2018 is hereby superseded.

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