INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS’ BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004

Unified interpretation of Appendix I (Form of the International Ballast Water Management Certificate) of the BWM Convention

1 The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC), at its seventy-second session (9 to 13 April 2018), approved a unified interpretation of appendix I (Form of the International Ballast Water Management Certificate) of the BWM Convention.

2 MEPC 74 (13 to 17 May 2019) approved the updated unified interpretation with appropriate references to the Code for Approval of Ballast Water Management Systems (BWMS Code), as set out in the annex.

3 Member Governments and international organizations are invited to apply the annexed unified interpretation to appendix I of the BWM Convention from 13 October 2019 and bring it to the attention of all parties concerned.

4 This circular revokes BWM.2/Circ.66 from 13 October 2019.

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APPENDIX

UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF APPENDIX I (FORM OF THE INTERNATIONAL BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE) OF THE BWM CONVENTION

Appendix I – Form of the International Ballast Water Management Certificate

"Date installed" in relation to "Method of ballast water management used"

1. For the purpose of completing the International Ballast Water Management Certificate, the date when commissioning has been completed in accordance with section 8 of the BWMS Code (resolution MEPC.300(72)) should be used.

2. Notwithstanding the above, it should be noted that, with regard to the deadline for installing a ballast water management system, operative paragraph 5 of resolution MEPC.300(72) (Code for Approval of Ballast Water Management Systems) is as follows:

   "5 RESOLVES that, for the purpose of operative paragraph 4 of this resolution, the word "installed" means the contractual date of delivery of the ballast water management system to the ship. In the absence of such a date, the word "installed" means the actual date of delivery of the ballast water management system to the ship;".

3. Consequently, two dates, i.e. the contractual date of delivery or the actual date of delivery and the date following commissioning and operation, may exist in relation to installing a ballast water management system.