



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Amendments to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004

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 amendments to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (BWM Convention) regarding commissioning testing of ballast water management systems and the form of the International Ballast Water Management Certificate by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) at the 75th Session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 75).

1. The MEPC 75 adopted resolution MEPC.325(75) on 20 November 2020 to amend Regulation E-1 and Appendix I of the BWM Convention related to commissioning testing of ballast water management systems and form of the International Ballast Water Management Certificate. The amendments shall enter into force on 1 June 2022.
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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