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## HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

**Publication of New Ballast Water Record Book (resolution MEPC.369(80))**

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

***Summary***

The purpose of this Note is to draw the attention of the parties concerned to the availability of new Ballast Water Record Book (resolution MEPC.369(80)) which will be published by Marine Department on 2 January 2025. The current version (BWM/CONF/36) will be discontinued for sale and download on the same date.

1. Marine Department has published the Ballast Water Record Book (“BWRB”) in a format compliant with the form set out in Appendix II of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (“the BWM Convention”) when it entered into force in 2017.

2. In view of the new form of BWRB adopted by resolution MEPC.369(80) entering into force on 1 February 2025 (see MSIN 4/2024), Marine Department will publish a new version of BWRB in compliance with resolution MEPC.369(80) on 2 January 2025.

3. The new version BWRB electronic template in PDF, which replaces the 2017 version, can be downloaded at the below link on 2 January 2025:-

<https://www.mardep.gov.hk/en/materials-and-publications/useful-information/index.html>

4. The printed copies of the 2017 version BWRB will no longer be available for sale from 2 January 2025. The new version can be purchased at:-

- (i) the Shroff of Central Marine Office of Marine Department at 3/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong; or

(ii) online from the Government Bookstore at this link –  
<http://www.isd.gov.hk/eng/bookorder.htm>

5. Please note that both the printed copies and electronic template of the existing 2017 version BWRB will remain valid and can be used on board Hong Kong registered ships for compliance with the BWM Convention until 1 February 2025.

6. Masters and officers in charge are reminded to refer to the Guidance on ballast water record-keeping and reporting (BWM.2/Circ.80) when making entries in the BWRB (see MSIN 5/2024).

7. Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators and Masters are required to note this information and act accordingly.

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