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Subject: Compliance to Regulation D2 of Ballast Water Convention

- Marine Environment Protection Committee of IMO in its 71 session (MEPC 71)
 held at the headquarters of the IMO in London from 3 to 7 July 2017 reached a
 compromise to provide a phase-in schedule for compliance to Regulation D2 of the
 Convention.
- 2. In accordance, with Regulation B-3 of the Convention, D-2 standards are applicable to all ships with a ballast water capacity of 1500 Cubic meters or more. MEPC 71 amended date of compliance to D-2 standards as detailed in Regulation B-3 of the BWM Convention. For existing ships, the date of implementation of D-2 standard is now based upon the date of build, ballast water capacity and date of IOPP renewal survey. The ships are divided into following categories based on date of build and ballast water capacity:
 - a) Ships constructed before 2009 with ballast water capacity of between 1,500 and 5,000 cubic meters, inclusive.

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- b) Ships constructed before 2009 with a ballast water capacity less than 1,500 or greater than 5,000 cubic meters.
- c) Ships constructed in or after 2009 and before 8 September 2017, with a ballast water capacity of less than 5,000 cubic meters.
- d) Ships constructed in or after 2009, but before 2012, with a ballast water capacity of 5,000 cubic meters or more.
- e) Ships constructed in or after 2012 and before 8 September 2017, with a ballast water capacity of 5,000 cubic meters or more.
- f) Ships constructed before 8 September 2017 to which the renewal survey defined below is not applicable(that is, ships less than 400gt),
- 3. For all the categories mentioned above, except 2(f), Ballast Water Management should meet the standards specified in Regulation D-2 of the Convention on/after the renewal survey. This renewal is defined as:
 - a) the first IOPP renewal survey following the date of entry into force of the Convention (8 September 2017) if:
 - this survey is completed on/after 8 September 2019; or
 - this survey is completed on/after 8 September 2014 but prior to 8 September 2017.
 - b) the second IOPP renewal survey following the date of entry into force of the Convention (8 September 2017) if:
 - the first renewal survey following the date of entry into force of the convention is completed prior to 8 September 2019 and
 - there is no IOPP renewal survey completed on/after 8 September 2014 but prior to 8 September 2019.
- 4. Ships falling in the category 2f) mentioned above, shall meet the regulationD-2 standards Ballast Water Management by 8 September 2024.

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- 5. All the ships falling in Category 2c), 2e) or 2f) mentioned above will be required to comply with regulation D-1 of the Convention (on/after date of entry into force of the Convention, that is 8 September 2017), until such time as it is required to comply with regulation D-2.
- Procedures for compliance to regulation D-1 and issuance of Statement of Compliance is detailed in Engineering Circular No. 02 of 2016.
- 7. All those ship owners who have decoupled their IOPP renewal surveys from Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC) regime, after the issuance of Engineering Circular No. 02 of 2016 dated 06.12.2016, may re-couple the IOPP renewal survey with HSSC regime and thus reinstate the IOPP Certificate to its original status. Consequently, the IOPP renewal surveys which were conducted on/after 06.12.2016 for de-coupling may be treated as additional/annual/intermediate survey by the Recognized Organization, as appropriate.

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