

Circular 159 / 2017

To: Masters, Managers, and Owners

Subject: New Implementation Dates Agreed for Installation of Ballast Water Treatment Systems

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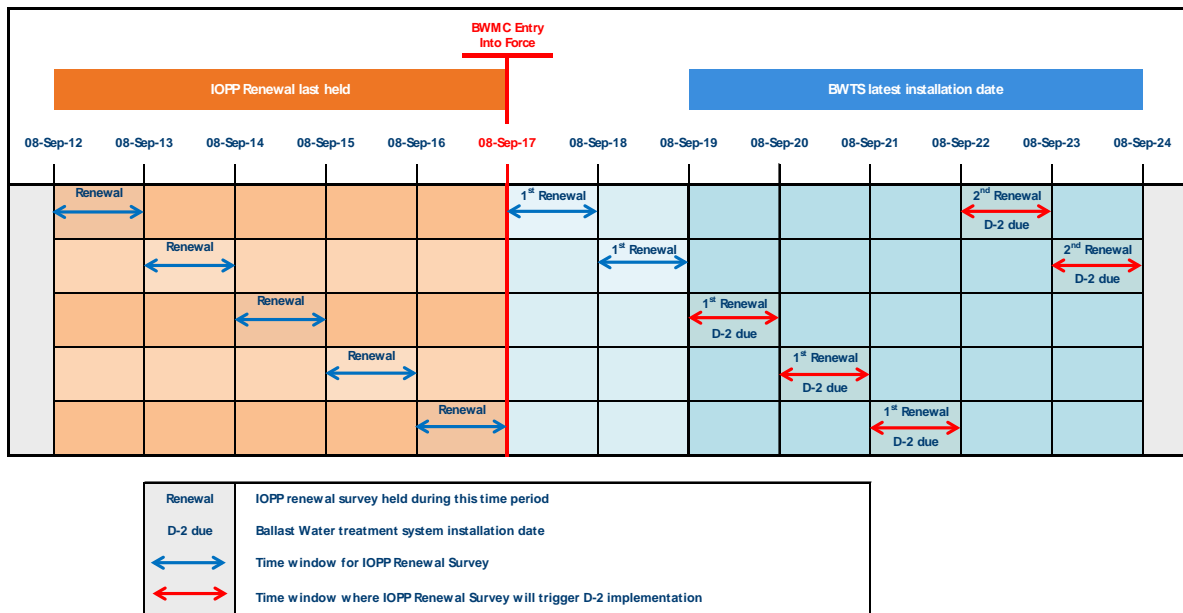
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Summary

This circular aims to provide a brief summary of the **Ballast Water Application Amendments** agreed to during the 71st Session of MEPC.

The IMO's MEPC Committee has agreed amendments to Regulation B-3 of the Convention, to implement a new schedule for the D-2 requirements (i.e. ballast water treatment). The changes supersede the implementation schedule contained within IMO Res. A.1088(28).

The table below shows the new implementation schedule for existing ships.



New Ships

The requirements are unchanged. That is, ships constructed (keel lay date) on or after 8 September 2017, to which the Convention applies, will be required to be fitted with a ballast water treatment system at delivery.

Existing Ships

The amendments delay the treatment system mandatory installation schedule for two years after entry into force of the Convention, giving vessels 2 to 7 years from entry into force before needing to fit a treatment system, depending on their IOPP renewal survey dates.

Ships, constructed (keel lay date) before 8 September 2017, to which the Convention applies, are required to be fitted with a ballast water treatment system:

1) No later than the first IOPP renewal survey on or after 8 September 2017. Providing that this survey takes place on or after 8 September 2019; or that the vessel has undertaken an IOPP renewal survey on or after 8 September 2014 but prior to 8 September 2017.

Putting it in simpler terms, if the completion date of the vessel's last IOPP renewal survey was between 8 Sept 2014 and 7 Sept 2017 then treatment system installation is required at the next IOPP renewal survey on or after 8 Sept 2017.

2) No later than the second IOPP renewal survey on or after 8 September 2017. Providing that the first IOPP renewal survey on or after 8 September 2017 takes place before 8 September 2019, and the vessel has not undertaken an IOPP renewal survey on or after 8 September 2014 but prior to 8 September 2017.

Putting it in simpler terms, if the completion date of the last IOPP renewal survey was between 8 Sept 2012 and 7 Sept 2014 then treatment system installation is required at the second IOPP renewal survey on or after 8 Sept 2017.

Existing Ships (without IOPP surveys)

For ships constructed (keel lay date) before 8 September 2017, to which the BWM Convention applies, which are not subject to Marpol Annex I surveys (i.e. oil tankers <150gt, and other ships <400gt), a ballast water treatment system is required to be fitted to vessels from the date decided by the Administration, but not later than 8 September 2024.

For further inquiries related the applicability of the BWMC to any specific vessel please contact Maritime Cook Islands Technical Department at technical@maritimecookislands.com