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Applicable to: Shipowners, ship managers, operators, including ferry operators, masters of Singapore-registered ships, Recognised Organisations (ROs), ballast water management equipment manufacturers, testing labs and shipyards

UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT CONVENTION (BWMC), 2004

1. This circular informs all our stakeholders that Singapore has acceded to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 which will come into force internationally on 8th September 2017.
2. The Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (PPS) (Amendment) Act 2017 gives effect to the BWMC. Obligations under the BWMC that are not provided for in the PPS (Amendment) Act 2017, will be given effect by way of regulations, which will be gazetted in due course¹.
3. The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore on 23rd March 2017 through shipping circular 8 of 2017 had provided guidance to all our stakeholders to assist in their preparation for the entry into force of the Convention.
4. With Singapore's accession to the Convention all applicable ships of 400 GT and above (excluding floating platforms, floating storage units or FSU, and floating production storage and offloading units or FPSO²) registered with the Singapore Registry of Ships are required to carry the following on board:
 - a) International Ballast Water Management Certificate (IBWMC);
 - b) Ballast Water Management Plan (BWMP) approved by the Administration;
and
 - c) Ballast Water Record Book (BWRB).

¹ See sections 13A and 34 of PPS (Amendment) Act 2017.

² BWM.2/Circ.46 - Application of the BWM Convention to Mobile Offshore Units and BWM.2/Circ.52 - Guidance on entry or re-entry of ships into exclusive operation within waters under the jurisdiction of a single Party, Mobile offshore units including Mobile Offshore Drilling Units should be surveyed and issued with an IBWMC, according to regulations E-1 and E-2 of the Convention, as applicable

5. Applicable Singapore-registered ships less than 400 GT are required to ensure that the relevant provisions of the Convention are complied with (e.g. BWMP approved by the Administration and BWRB are carried on board).

6. ROs, on behalf of the Administration of Singapore, are authorised to issue the IBWMC to all Singapore-registered ships after satisfactorily conducting the surveys required in accordance with regulations E-1 and E-2 of the Convention. The validity date of the IBWMC shall begin from 8th September 2017. "Statement of Compliance" (SoC) for the BWMC by our RO already issued to Singapore-registered ships are to be replaced with an IBWMC no later than 8th September 2017, with the validity date in accordance with BWM.2/Circ.40. No additional survey is required, provided the SoC was issued in compliance with BWMC survey requirements and there has been no modification or change of condition since the issuance of the SoC.

7. All other guidance provided in the shipping circular 8 of 2017 remains valid.

Ballast Water Sediment Reception Facilities

8. Under Article 5 of the BWMC, as a party to the Convention, this Administration is obligated to provide for ballast water sediment reception facilities in ports and terminal where cleaning or repairs of ballast tanks occurs. Shipowners, ship managers, operators and Masters of Singapore-registered ships are to liaise directly with the shipyards for such arrangements.

9. Any queries to this circular should be directed to Mr Ranabir Chakravarty at 63756210 or email: shipping@mpa.gov.sg.

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