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APPLICATION:

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**OVERVIEW OF RECENT AND FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO BALLAST WATER
MANAGEMENT CONVENTION**

Below table gives an overview of recent and future amendments to Ballast Water Management Convention (BWM), from 1 January 2019 taking into account that some requirements have already entered into force but are still under transitional period.

Table provides quick reference to adopted MEPC Resolutions, date of their entry into force with general description of the amendments.

Amendment	Date of entry into force	Application	Short description of the Amendment
MEPC.300(72) (Code for approval of ballast water management systems (BWMS CODE))	13 October 2019	all ships subject to BWM Convention required to comply with regulation D-2	BWMS Code comes into force With MEPC.300(72) it has been decided that 2016 Guidelines for approval of ballast water management systems (G8) adopted by MEPC.279(70) should be made mandatory and are renamed as BWMS Code The Code can be applied on voluntary basis as from 13 October 2019 until 28 October 2020 when it becomes mandatory BWMS approved after 28 October 2018 shall take into account of BWMS Code
MEPC.299(72) (Amendments to the International Convention for the Control And Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004; Amendments to regulations E-1 and E-5, Endorsements of additional surveys on the International Ballast Water management certificate)	13 October 2019	all ships subject to BWM Convention required to comply with regulation D-2	Amendments related to terminology in Section E-1, Surveys and E-5, Duration and validity of the Certificate have been introduced with no substantial impact to the existing text of the Convention

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<p>MEPC.297(72) (Amendments to the International Convention for the Control And Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004; Amendments to regulation B-3 (Implementation schedule of ballast water management for ships))</p>	13 October 2019	all ships subject to BWM Convention required to comply with regulation D-2	<p>MEPC.297(72) adopts amendments to regulation B-3 of the BWM Convention regarding implementation schedule of ballast water management for ships requiring that BWTS should be installed on existing ships either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not later than the first IOPP renewal survey on or after 8 September 2017, providing that this survey is conducted on or after 8 September 2019, or that this survey has been conducted on or after 8 September 2014 but before 8 September 2017, or - not 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 that the ship has not undertaken IOPP renewal survey on or after 8 September 2014 but prior to 8 September 2017 <p>New ships, with keel laid on or after 8 September 2017, installation of BWTS is required to be on delivery</p> <p>For oil tankers of GT less than 150 and for other ships of GT less than 400 and/or ships not having IOPP certificate, installation of BWTS is to be determined by the Flag State Administration, but not later than 8 September 2024</p>
<p>MEPC.296(72) (Amendments to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments 2004; Amendments to regulations A-1 and D-3 (Code for Approval of Ballast Water Management Systems (BWMS Code)))</p>	13 October 2019	all ships subject to BWM Convention required to comply with regulation D-2	<p>BWM Convention amended with reference to BWMS Code</p> <p>Regulation D-3 – Approval requirements for ballast water management systems Paragraph 1 has been amended requiring that ballast water management systems used to comply with this Convention shall be approved by the Administration as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> .1 ballast water management systems installed on or after 28 October 2020 shall be approved in accordance with the BWMS Code, as may be amended; and .2 ballast water management systems installed before 28 October 2020 shall be approved taking into account the guidelines MEPC.125(53), MEPC.174(58) or MEPC.279(70), as appropriate) developed by the Organization or the BWMS Code, as may be amended

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MEPC.287(71) (Implementation of the BWM Convention)	1 September 2019	all ships subject to BWM Convention of GT 400 and above having ballast capacity, new and existing	MEPC.287(71) requires implementation of amended B-3 regulation immediately after entry into force of the BWM Convention in lieu of the implementation schedule recommended in resolution A.1088(28) and which is being superseded
MEPC.298(72) (Determination of the survey referred to in Regulation B-3, as amended, of the BWM Convention)	1 September 2019	all ships subject to BWM Convention of GT 400 and above having ballast capacity, new and existing	Amendments determine that the renewal survey referred to in paragraph 10 of regulation B-3 of the BWM Convention is the renewal survey for the ship associated with the International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate pursuant to Annex I of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 (MARPOL)

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