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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND
MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND
SEDIMENTS, 2004**

**Clarification regarding the application dates contained in regulation B-3.1
of the BWM Convention**

- 1 The Marine Environment Protection Committee, at its sixty-first session (27 September to 1 October 2010), approved the amendments to BWM.2/Circ.19 regarding the clarification on the application dates of the ballast water performance standard contained in regulation B-3.1 of the BWM Convention. The revised clarification is set out in the annex.
- 2 Member Governments are invited to bring this circular to the attention of all parties concerned.
- 3 This circular revokes BWM.2/Circ.19.

ANNEX

CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE APPLICATION DATES CONTAINED IN REGULATION B-3.1 OF THE BWM CONVENTION

1 Regulation B-3.1 of the Ballast Water Management Convention provides:

"A ship constructed before 2009:

- .1 with a ballast water capacity of between 1,500 and 5,000 cubic metres, inclusive, shall conduct ballast water management that at least meets the standard described in regulation D-1 or regulation D-2 until 2014, after which time it shall at least meet the standard described in regulation D-2;
- .2 with a ballast water capacity of less than 1,500 or greater than 5,000 cubic metres shall conduct ballast water management that at least meets the standard described in regulation D-1 or regulation D-2 until 2016, after which time it shall at least meet the standard described in regulation D-2."

2 Regulation B-3.2 of the Ballast Water Management Convention provides:

"A ship to which paragraph 1 applies shall comply with paragraph 1 not later than the first intermediate or renewal survey, whichever occurs first, after the anniversary date of delivery of the ship in the year of compliance with the standard applicable to the ship."

3 The "anniversary date of delivery of the ship in the year of compliance" specified in regulation B-3.2, refers to years 2014 and 2016 indicated in regulation B_3.1. Consequently, ships with a ballast water capacity between 1,500 m³ and 5,000 m³, inclusive, are required to comply with the D-2 standard not later than the first intermediate or renewal survey, whichever occurs first, after the anniversary date of delivery of the ship in 2014 under regulation B-3.1.1; and ships with a ballast water capacity of less than 1,500 or greater than 5,000 m³ are required to comply with D-2 standard not later than the first intermediate or renewal survey, whichever occurs first, after the anniversary date of delivery of the ship in 2016 under regulation B-3.1.2.