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

**Issuance of International Ballast Water Management Certificates  
to Greek-flagged ships**

**Communication received from the Government of Greece**

1 The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to transmit herewith the text of a communication by the Government of Greece, regarding the issuance of certificates to Greek-flagged ships pursuant to the provisions of the BWM Convention.

2 The Secretary-General would be grateful if steps could be taken to bring this information to the attention of the appropriate authorities.

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## ANNEX



HELLENIC REPUBLIC  
MINISTRY OF MARITIME AFFAIRS AND INSULAR POLICY  
GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR SHIP'S CONTROL

The International Maritime Organization  
4, Albert Embankment  
SE 1 7SR London  
United Kingdom

Piraeus, 08.08.2017  
Ref. No. 58167

**SUBJECT: «NOTIFICATION ON THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES TO GREEK FLAGGED VESSELS  
PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE BWM CONVENTION»**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

1. By means of law No 4470 of 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 published in the Official Government Gazette (No. 65/2017) the Hellenic Republic acceded to the Ballast Water Management Convention (the Convention). Consequently, on 26<sup>th</sup> June a document of accession to the Convention was officially deposited to the IMO Secretariat.

2. In this context, we would like to inform you that Greece, in its capacity as flag State, may issue, from 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and consequently earlier from the date of the Convention's international entry into force (8<sup>th</sup> September 2017), the International Ballast Water Management Certificates, as provided for in the same Convention, to ships flying the Greek flag, upon successful completion of a survey verifying that they comply with the provisions of the Convention, either itself or through duly authorized Recognized Organizations.

3. We would be grateful if the IMO Secretariat could circulate this notification to the IMO Member States for their information.

4. We avail ourselves of this opportunity to renew to the IMO Secretariat the assurances of our highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Dionyssios-Charalampos Kalamatianos  
Secretary General