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

Accession by Denmark

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004, and to state that accession by the Kingdom of Denmark was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 11 September 2012. The instrument clarifies that accession by Denmark shall not apply to the Faroes and to Greenland.

The instrument of accession by Denmark was accompanied by the following declaration:

"In the period between the entry into force of the Convention and 30 June 2015, Denmark will allow ships to choose between complying with the Ballast Water Exchange Standard in Regulation D-1 or the Ballast Water Performance Standard in Regulation D-2, except when discharging ballast water to a reception facility.

After 30 June 2015 Denmark will apply the Ballast Water Performance Standard in Regulation D-2, in accordance with the requirement of the Convention.

The reservation only affects the application of the Ballast Water Performance Standard in Regulation D-2 to ships discharging Ballast Water directly into the aquatic environment. All other mandatory requirements under the Convention, including those governing Ballast Water Reception facilities, will be applied fully.

If the Convention enters into force after 30 June 2015, this reservation will be of no effect.

This reservation in no way limits the rights of other Parties to regulate ships and/or waters under their jurisdiction."

Article 18 of the Convention provides as follows:

"1 This Convention shall enter into force twelve months after the date on which not less than thirty States, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than thirty-five per cent of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping, have either signed it without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval, or have deposited the requisite instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession in accordance with article 17."

There are, at present, thirty-six Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 29.07%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

* This tonnage percentage is based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS/Fairplay, effective as of 31 December 2011. Tonnage figures are liable to fluctuate from year to year.