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## Maritime Circular to Maritime Registrars, Shipowners, Masters, Managers & Operators of St. Kitts & Nevis Ships, Classification Societies, Recognised Organisations, Recognised Security Organisations, Surveyors of Ships & Flag State Inspectors to this SKANReg, Seafarers & IMO Member States

**Maritime Circular No. MC/73/17 (AMENDED)      DATE: 31 AUGUST 2017**

### **AMMENDMENTS TO BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT CONVENTION**

This Maritime Circular should be read in conjunction with Maritime Circular MC/72/17, and details amendments to the Ballast Water Management Convention, which enters into force 8 September 2017

At the recent meeting of IMO MEPC 71 amendments were approved regarding the implementation date of the requirement for vessels to comply with standard D-2 on-board Ballast Water treatment systems

This Administration has ratified the Ballast Water Management Convention, 2004 as of 30 August 2005, in order to support a phased implementation and ensure a smooth transition to the D-2 performance standard of the Convention between 2017 and 2024.

The revised implementation date for compliance with standard D-2 of the Convention is given below.

New vessels	Keel laid on or after 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Install BWM system on delivery
Existing vessels where:	Completed IOPP renewal survey between 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2014 and 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2017:	Install BWM system at the first IOPP renewal survey on or after 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
For other existing vessel	Install BWM system at whichever occurs first of the following:	First IOPP renewal survey on or after 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2019 OR Second IOPP renewal survey on or after 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 IF the date of the first IOPP renewal survey following the date of entry of the Convention is completed between the 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 and prior to 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
Existing vessels not required to have an IOPP certificate	Tankers of less than 150GT and ships other than oil tankers of less than 400GT	Install BWM system not later than 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2024

Notwithstanding the above changes for compliance with standard D-2 all parties are reminded that the compliance date for standard D-1 on ballast water exchange ballast water documentation ( certification, ballast water plan and ballast water record book) remains the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017 when the Ballast Water Convention comes into force.

Yours truly,

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