



Technical Circular

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To Whomsoever it may concern

Subject: Australia's new requirements for BWM on ships engaged in international voyages.

- Please be advised that IMO has just published a circular BWM.2/Circ.59 as attached, informing that Australia has introduced new requirements for ballast water management (BWM) on ships engaged in international voyages, w.e.f 16 June 2016.
- From 16 Jun, 2016, Australia has started accepting the use of BWM Systems (BWMS) which have received Type Approval through the IMO process. Ships which use BWMS will need to carry an approved BWM Plan and be surveyed and issued with a BWM Certificate in accordance with the BWM Convention requirements.
- Under the new requirements, ballast water exchange must take place outside 12nm from the nearest land and will not be permitted within 12 nm of the outer edge of the Great Barrier Reef or part of the Torres Strait.
- Ship Owners / operators and masters are advised to be guided by attached IMO Circular BWM.2/Circ.59 and may approach us for any further clarification in respect of certification matter.

Enclosure:

1. [IMO Circular BWM.2/Circ.59 dated 20 June 2016.](#)



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