



# Technical Circular

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**To whomsoever it may concern**

**Subject: Maritime Cook Islands circular 150/2017 reg. BWM Convention Implementation.**

- Maritime Cook Islands has issued a Circular 150/2017 (copy attached) regarding the Ballast Water Management Implementation and instructions on decoupling the IOPP renewal date.
- BWM convention will come into force from 08<sup>th</sup> September 2017. By 08 September 2017, vessels to which Ballast Water Management Convention applies are required to:
  1. Have an Approved Ballast Water Management Plan on board,
  2. Maintain a Ballast water record book,
  3. Manage their ballast water on every voyage by performing ballast water exchange (or by approved ballast water treatment system as applicable),
  4. International Ballast Water Management Certificate.
- Existing ships are required to comply with requirement of Regulation D-2 (the ballast water performance standard) no later than the first IOPP renewal survey after 08 September 2017; till then vessels are required to comply with regulation D-1 (ballast water exchange) of the Convention.
- Ships with keel laying date after the 08 September 2017 are required to comply with regulation D-2 upon delivery.
- Administration has no objection to decouple the renewal survey of IOPP certificate prior to 08 September 2017.
- Ship owners intending to decouple the IOPP renewal survey are requested to notify administration in advance.
- However, administration has advised that re-harmonization of the IOPP certificate is to be done at earliest possible opportunity and not further than the next IOPP renewal survey.
- Ship owners/ operators and masters are advised to be guided by above

**Enclosure:**

1. Maritime Cook Islands circular 150/2017.



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