



Technical Circular

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To whomsoever it may concern

Subject: Vanuatu Fleet Safety Letter 022119. GEN Reg Ballast Water Management Plans (BWMP).

- The International Maritime Organization (IMO) vide Resolution, MEPC. 306(73) adopted amendments to the Guidelines for Ballast Water Management and Development of Ballast Water Management Plans (G4).
- The amendments requires Ballast Water Management Plans to include contingency measures in case a ship is unable to manage ballast water in accordance with its approved Ballast Water Management Plan to meet the D-1 or D-2 standard.
- The amendments refer to the “Guidance on contingency measures under the BWM Convention” published as BWM.2/ Circ.62 and were adopted on 26 October 2018.
- Based on above, Vanuatu Administration has issued Fleet / Safety Letter 022119.GEN (copy attached) providing Administration’s requirements in respect of BWM Plans for Vanuatu flagged ships as follows:
 - a. Prior to 26 April 2019, Ballast Water Management Plan is to be approved in accordance with Resolution MEPC. 127(53).
 - b. On or after 26 April 2019, Ballast Water Management Plan is to be approved in accordance with Resolution MEPC. 127(53) as amended by the MEPC. 306(73).
 - c. Ballast Water Management Plans approved as per MEPC. 127(53) need not be re-submitted for approval for compliance with the amendments (vide MEPC. 306(73)). However, the plans must include a new section for Contingency Measures not later than 26 April 2019, either:
 - i. As an annex to the existing approved plan; or
 - ii. By inserting a new section within the existing approved plans indicating the date of the revision.

(Compliance to above requirement will be verified at the first BWMC survey after 26 April 2019)



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- d. Ballast Water Management Plans (approved as per MEPC. 127(53)) which are revised on or after 26 April 2019 such as due to the installation of a Ballast Water Management System for compliance to D-2 standard must comply with the amendments vide MEPC. 306(73).
- e. Vessels coming into the Vanuatu Registry with BWM Plans already approved by a Vanuatu RO need not be re-approved provided that they have been approved in accordance with the above instructions based on the existing approval date under the previous flag.
- Ship owners/ operators and masters of Vanuatu flagged ships are advised to be guided by above and the attached Safety Letter.

Enclosure:

1. Vanuatu International Ship Registry Fleet Safety Letter 022119.GEN, dated 21/02/2019.
2. IMO Resolution MEPC. 306(73)
3. BWM.2/Circ.62 - Guidance on contingency measures under the BWM Convention

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