



Technical Circular

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Subject: GOI – DGS Circular No. 16 of 2022 Reg. Ballast Water Convention. (Addendum 1 to DGS Circular No. 32 of 2020)

1. DGS Engineering Circular No. 32 of 2020 provides that any Indian ship requiring dispensation from the fitment of Ballast Water Management System (BWMS) meeting Regulation D-2 till the time India ratifies the BWM Convention and Rules are implemented, to apply to the Administration with an undertaking that during the period of dispensation, the ship will always remain on Indian coast.
2. In order to prevent delays in dealing with such requests, Indian Administration, vide Circular No. 16 of 2022 (addendum 1 to DGS Engineering Circular No. 32 of 2020), has now permitted GOI authorized ROs to issue **Statement of Compliance (SOC) to ships operating on Indian coast** and intending to fit BWMS only after India accedes to the Convention, **subject to the condition that the vessel meets all other requirements of BWM Convention, including discharging ballast water and meeting Regulation D-1 of the BWM Convention.**
3. Based on above, on satisfactory survey, SOC may be issued to Indian ships not fitted with BWMS (though required to be fitted with BWMS meeting Regulation D-2 in accordance with BWM Convention), provided that a declaration is submitted that the vessel will remain on Indian coast.
4. The SOC will be valid for a period of five (5) years or earlier, which will apply when India ratifies the Convention, Rules are framed, and requirements related to BWMS, if any, are imposed.
5. Further, while issuing such an SOC to any Indian ship which is engaged in International voyage, following condition will be included in the SOC – **“The Vessel shall operate along the Indian Coast only”**.
6. Foreign flagged ships operating along the Indian coast or ports or anchorages with license granted by the Indian Administration, may be granted dispensation from the fitment of BWMS meeting Regulation D-2 of the BWM Convention for the period of license, provided that following conditions are fulfilled:
 - a. The Recognized Organization has confirmed that all ballast water and sediments are removed prior to taking in or discharging Ballast Water along the Indian coast; and

b. Such a dispensation is granted by the Flag State of the concerned foreign flagged ship and informed to IMO on GISIS as per BWM Convention requirements.

7. Ship Owners/ operators and masters are advised to be guided by above.

Enclosure:

1. DGS Circular No. 16 of 2022.

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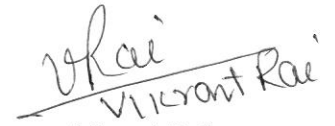
Subject: Addendum 1 to DGS Circular No. 32 of 2020: Ballast Water Convention – req.

1. Whereas India is yet to accede to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 [BWM Convention].
2. Whereas, the Directorate General of Shipping, GoI, had issued DGS Circular 32 of 2020 (Engineering) dated 03.10.2020 consolidating the requirements of the BWM Convention on Indian ships undertaking international voyages, which may be subject to inspections by port States that are party to BWM Convention. :
3. Whereas, the said circular provides that any Indian ship requiring dispensation from fitment of Ballast Water Management System meeting Regulation D-2 till the time India ratifies the BWM Convention and Rules are implemented, to apply to the Competent Authority in the Directorate with an undertaking that during the period of dispensation the ship will always remain on Indian coast.
4. Whereas, the Directorate has been receiving various requests for such dispensation.
5. Whereas, to prevent delays in dealing with such requests, the Competent Authority has hereby decided to permit Recognized Organizations authorized by the Directorate to issue Statement of Compliance (SOC) to ships operating on Indian coast and intending to fit Ballast Water Management System, only after India accedes to the Convention, subject to the condition that the vessel shall meet all other requirements of BWM Convention, including discharging ballast water and meeting Regulation D1 of the BWM Convention.
6. Whereas, after satisfactory survey, the Recognized Organizations may issue SOC to those ships, which are required to be fitted with Ballast Water Management System, meeting Regulation D2 as per the intervals of the renewal surveys carried out for the issuance of the International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate, provided that a declaration is submitted that the vessel shall remain on the Indian coast.
7. The SOC shall be valid for a period of five (5) years or earlier, which will apply when India ratifies the Convention, Rules are framed, and requirements related to BWTS, if any are imposed.
8. Whereas, the Recognized Organization issuing such an SOC to any Indian Ship engaged in international voyage shall ensure following condition is included in the SOC:
"The Vessel shall along the Indian Coast only."

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8. Whereas, foreign flagged ships operating along the Indian coast or ports or anchorages with licence granted by the Directorate may be granted dispensation from Ballast Water Management System meeting Regulation D2 of the BWM Convention for the period of licence, provided that the following conditions are satisfied, namely:
- i. The Recognized Organization has confirmed that all ballast water and sediments are removed prior to taking in or discharging Ballast Water along the Indian coast and
 - ii. Such a dispensation is granted by the Flag state of the concerned foreign flagged ship and informed to IMO on GISIS as per BWM Convention requirements.

This is issued with the approval of the Director General of Shipping & Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India.



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