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TO : All Shipowners, Shipmanagers, Masters and Officers of the Philippine Registered Ships engaged in overseas trade, Recognized Organizations and other concerned entities

SUBJECT : List of IMO Circulars Approved Relating on Ballast Water Management Convention (BWM)

Notice is hereby given that the following IMO Circulars relating on Ballast Water Management (BWM) has been approved last 11 September 2017 by IMO:

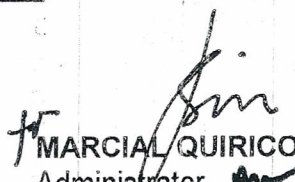
1. Circular Letter No. 3773	Launch of a New Ballast Management Module in GISIS and Modifications to existing modules to accommodate reporting requirements of the BWM Convention
2. Circular Letter No. 3775	Establishment of a new BWM.3 series of circulars for communications received relating to the BWM Convention

For information and guidance of all concerned.

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Circular Letter No.3773
11 September 2017

To: All IMO Members
Parties to the BWM Convention which are not Members of IMO
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Subject: **Launch of a new Ballast Water Management module in GISIS and modifications to existing modules to accommodate reporting requirements of the BWM Convention**

1 The Ballast Water Management Convention includes various requirements for the provision of information to the Organization. In accordance with the decisions of the Assembly (resolution A.1074(28)), the appropriate platform to accommodate these requirements is the Global Integrated Shipping Information System (GISIS). Following consideration, the Secretariat identified that certain reporting requirements could only be accommodated in a new dedicated module, whereas others would fit well in existing modules.

2 In light of the Convention's entry into force on 8 September 2017, the Secretariat has therefore developed a new GISIS module entitled "Ballast Water Management", as well as modifications to some existing modules, as outlined below.

3 The Ballast Water Management module contains four tabs for the provision of information on the following items, as required by the BWM Convention:

- .1 exemptions granted to ships under regulation A-4;
- .2 ballast water exchange areas designated under regulation B-4.2;
- .3 additional measures under regulation C-1; and
- .4 warnings concerning ballast water uptake in certain areas and related flag State measures under regulation C-2.

4 In addition to the development of the new module, modifications have also been made to the following existing modules to accommodate corresponding information:

- .1 Pollution Prevention Equipment and Anti-fouling Systems module – information on type-approved ballast water management systems in accordance with Guidelines (G8) or the BWMS Code;

- .2 Contact Points module – details of points of contact for applications for exemptions under regulation A-4, as required by the 2017 Guidelines (G7), paragraphs 9.1 and 9.2;
 - .3 Port Reception Facilities module – information on the availability of reception facilities for ballast water and sediments, and alleged inadequacies related to sediment reception facilities, as required by articles 5 and 14; and
 - .4 Recognized Organizations module – information on the responsibilities and conditions of the authority delegated to nominated surveyors or recognized organizations in accordance with regulation E-1.
- 5 Administrations are invited to use these GISIS modules for the provision of information to the Organization, as required by the BWM Convention.
- 6 Member States encountering any problems while entering new information or updating existing information in GISIS should contact the Secretariat at the following email address: gisis@imo.org.
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Subject: **Establishment of a new BWM.3 series of circulars for communications received relating to the BWM Convention**

1 Communications from Member States in relation to the Ballast Water Management Convention received by the Secretariat have so far been disseminated by means of BWM.2 circulars.

2 In light of the Convention's entry into force on 8 September 2017, it is expected that the number of such communications will increase. The Secretariat has therefore established a new BWM.3 series of circulars that will be used exclusively for the dissemination of communications received from Member States, while the BWM.2 series will from now on be used exclusively for technical circulars containing guidelines, recommendations, etc. The BWM.1 series will continue to be used for the dissemination of information on accessions and ratifications of the Convention.

3 Member States are reminded that the Secretariat has developed a new Ballast Water Management module in GISIS and modifications to existing modules to accommodate reporting requirements of the Convention, as communicated by means of Circular Letter No.3773 of 11 September 2017. Administrations are invited to use these GISIS modules for the provision of information to the Organization, as required by the BWM Convention, and to note that BWM.3 circulars are intended to be used for the circulation of information not concerning reporting requirements of the Convention.

4 A list of previous communications from Member States received by the Secretariat and disseminated by means of BWM.2 circulars is set out in the annex for information.

ANNEX

**COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED FROM MEMBER STATES DISSEMINATED
BY MEANS OF BWM.2 CIRCULARS**

Symbol	Date	Title
BWM.2/Circ.1	22 September 2005	Communication received from the Administration of Brazil
BWM.2/Circ.3	7 February 2006	Additional information on Brazilian national legislation on ballast water managements for ships
BWM.2/Circ.5	17 August 2006	Mandatory national legislation pertaining to requirements for ballast water (Brazil)
BWM.2/Circ.14	28 August 2008	Communication received from the Administration of the United Kingdom
BWM.2/Circ.22	14 August 2009	Communication received from the Administration of Sweden
BWM.2/Circ.25	19 August 2010	Communication received from the Government of Malta
BWM.2/Circ.35	15 August 2011	Communication received from the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC) on behalf of 20 Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention
BWM.2/Circ.39	20 August 2012	Communication received from the Administration of Croatia
BWM.2/Circ.41	5 March 2013	Communication received from the Administration of Colombia
BWM.2/Circ.48	8 August 2013	Communication received from the Government of Australia
BWM.2/Circ.49	16 August 2013	Communication received from the Government of Denmark
BWM.2/Circ.51	3 March 2014	Communication received from the Government of Lithuania
BWM.2/Circ.54	19 August 2014	Communication received from the Government of the Republic of Korea
BWM.2/Circ.56	13 July 2015	Communication received from the Government of the Netherlands
BWM.2/Circ.59	20 June 2016	Communication received from the Government of Australia
BWM.2/Circ.64	29 August 2017	Issuance of International Ballast Water Management Certificates to Greek-flagged ships