



Merchant Marine **Notice**

Panama Maritime Authority
General Directorate of Merchant Marine
Control and Compliance Department

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**INTERNATIONAL BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT CONVENTION
(BWMC-2004)
D-2 STANDARD BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM - COMPLIANCE
DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 8th, 2024**

No: **MMN-09/2024**

1. The purpose of this Marine Notice is to provide information to ship owners, operators, Recognized Organizations and masters (hereinafter called Interested Parties) about the mandatory enforcement on board all Panamanian vessels of the International Ballast Water Convention (BWMC) requirements, regarding the installation of the Ballast Water Management Treatment System according to the Regulation D-2, no later than September 8th, 2024.
2. This means that all existing vessels subject to Ballast Water Management Convention shall have onboard an approved Ballast Water Management Treatment System installed in compliance with the D-2 regulation between September 8th, 2019 and September 8th, 2024. It is understood that vessels constructed on or after September 8th of 2017, shall meet the D-2 standard immediately.
3. In order to prevent PSC Deficiencies, this Administration encourages ship owners, operators, Recognized Organizations and masters to take into account the content in Resolution MEPC.252(67) adopted on October 17th, 2014 Guidelines for Port State Control under the BWM Convention to ensure compliance with the Convention.
Refer to IMO web site:

[https://wwwcdn.imo.org/localresources/en/KnowledgeCentre/IndexofIMOResolutions/MEPCDocuments/MEPC.252\(67\).pdf](https://wwwcdn.imo.org/localresources/en/KnowledgeCentre/IndexofIMOResolutions/MEPCDocuments/MEPC.252(67).pdf)



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4. If the Ballast Water Management System (BWMS) is found inoperative the master or owner of the ship shall report at the earliest opportunity to this Administration to the following email addresses ibwmc@segumar.com and internationaloffices@segumar.com, the nominated surveyor or Recognized Organization responsible for issuing the relevant certificate, who shall cause investigations to be initiated to determine whether an additional survey, is necessary. If the ship is in a port of another Contracting Government, the master or owner shall also report immediately to the appropriate authorities of the Port State and the nominated surveyor or Recognized Organization shall ascertain that such a report has been made.
5. Finally, Interested Parties are respectfully reminded that shall be keep on-board copy of this Merchant Marine Notice. DPA or Management Company must be aware that in the event of PSC Inspection an infringement, contravention, and/or non-compliance of BWM Convention are found; sanctions will be imposed by this Administration according to our national legislation.

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Inquiries concerning the subject of this Merchant Marine Notice or any other request should be forward to:

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