

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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To: All Ship owners and Shipping Company
 Attn: Operators, Masters and Officers of Merchant Ships



Subject: Ballast Water Management Plan (BWMP)

Dear customer of IBICON company!

In order to help ship owners and operators understand how to deal with the Ballast Water Management Convention (BWM Convention) our Company IBICON suggest You the present Information Bulletin.

The International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM Convention) was adopted by consensus at a Diplomatic Conference held at IMO Headquarters in London on 13th February 2004.

The BWM Convention entered into force on 8 September 2017.

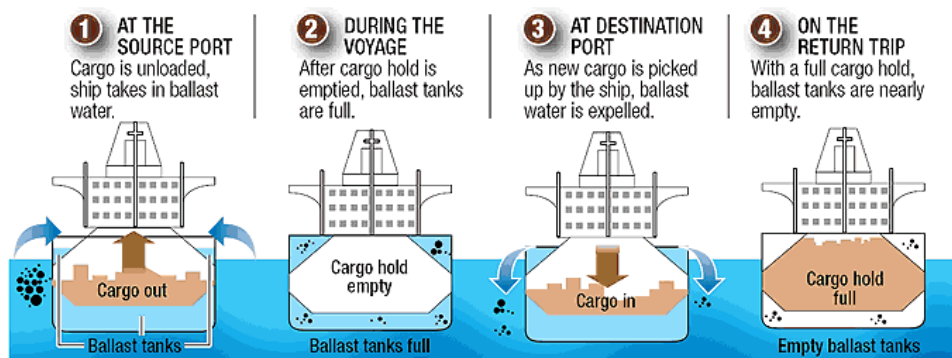
The adoption of all the required Guidelines for the uniform implementation of the BWM Convention and the approval and certification of modern ballast water treatment technologies have removed the major barriers to the ratification of the instrument and a number of additional countries have indicated their intention to accede to this Convention in the near future.



The Convention requires all ships to implement a ballast water management plan. All ships have to carry a ballast water record book and are required to carry out ballast water management procedures to a given standard.

Our company IBICON suggest You development of the Ballast Water Management Plan for Your ship.

While ballast water is essential for safe and efficient modern shipping operations, it may pose serious ecological, economic and health problems due to the multitude of marine species carried in ships' ballast water. The transferred species may survive to establish a reproductive population in the host environment, becoming invasive, out-competing native species and multiplying into pest proportions.



Attachment: Checklist for preparation of PSC inspections regarding BWMC.

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DNV GL has developed a common checklist for supporting Your preparation for PSC inspections with regards to the BWMC:

№	Items	Question	yes	no	n/a
1.		International Ballast Water Management Certificate - IBWMC			
	1.1	Check that a valid IBWMC is on board if the ship is 400 GT or more	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.		Ballast Water Management Plan - BWMP			
	2.1	Check that the BWMP is on board and has been approved by the flag state or the RO/class on behalf of the flag state	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	2.2	Is the crew managing ballast water sediments in accordance with the convention and the BWMP?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.		Ballast Water Record Book - BWRB			
	3.1	Check that the BWRB is on board and meets the requirements of the BWM Convention	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3.2	Check that details of all ballast water operations carried out are recorded in the BWRB together with any exemptions granted.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3.3	The BWRB should be kept on board the ship for a minimum of two years after the last entry.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3.4	The officer in charge of operation should sign each entry in the BWRB and the Master should sign each completed page.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3.5	The BWRB shall at least contain the information specified in the BWM Convention, Appendix II (which may be an electronic record system and may be integrated into another record book or system).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.		Ballast Water Management System - BWMS			
	4.1	Check that an officer has been assigned responsibility for the BWM (Reg. B-1.5) and that s/he and the crew are sufficiently trained and familiar with ballast exchange methods and/or the BWMS (Reg. B-6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4.2	Check the Type Approval Certificate for the BWMS (D-2 standard only) to determine if the system is used in accordance with any limiting conditions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4.3	Perform a visual check of the overall condition of the ship, the equipment and arrangements as defined in the IBWMC and the BWMP.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4.4	Verify that ballast water has only been discharged in accordance with BWM Convention.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4.5	Check the information from third parties such as a report or complaint concerning a violation of the BWM Convention.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4.6	Is the crew following specific operational or safety instructions associated with safe tank entry, if needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4.7	Is the BWMS and associated equipment in good working order (filters, pumps, back flushing equipment)? Verify that all accidents or defects which compromise the BWM are reported and recorded.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4.8	Check that the crew is following all national and regional BWM requirements (example: USA, Norway, "Intra-North Sea"-voyages). National requirements should be attached to the Appendix of the BWMP.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	4.9	Sampling: Ensure that access is available for PSC officer to take samples of ballast water.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

This Check list has been realized in our mobile application "SMS Check List", which can be installed through the following links:

		
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