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Applicable to: This circular should be brought to the attention of ship-owners, ship managers, operators and masters of Vanuatu-registered ships.

RE: Ballast Water Convention application

On 08 September 2017 the Ballast Water Convention will enter in to force. This convention lays out the timeline and requirements for Ballast Water Management Plans as well as the installation of Ballast Water Treatment Systems. The convention allows for owners to delay this enforcement via the early renewal of the IOPP certificate, prior to the enforcement date. This Administration has agreed to allow owners to de-harmonize the Ballast Water Treatment Convention by early renewal of the IOPP.

Additionally the United States Coast Guard has a separate set of regulations regarding the treatment of Ballast Water Treatment Systems. Currently they have authorized 3 systems, and more have received the status of Alternate Management Systems. That particular information can be found by going to the USCG Homeport website.



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