
To: Relevant departments of the headquarters, all CCS branch offices, all overseas regional centers, shipowners, shipping companies, shipyards and manufactures

Technical notice on the implementation of the relevant requirements of BWM.2-Circ.66

1. Background

The Marine Environment Protection Committee of IMO, at its seventy-second session (MEPC97) approved the unified interpretation to appendix I (Form of the International Ballast Water Management Certificate) of the BWM Convention i.e. BWM.2/Circ.66(see attached). Member Governments and international organizations are invited to apply the attached unified interpretation to appendix I of the BWM Convention and bring it to the attention of all parties concerned.

2. Main content

The unified interpretation to appendix I (Form of the International Ballast Water Management Certificate) of the BWM Convention refers to: For the purpose of completing the International Ballast Water Management Certificate, the “Date installed” should be the date following commissioning and operation.

For the operative paragraphs 4 and 5 of resolution MEPC.279(70), the word 'installed' means the contractual date of delivery of the ballast water management system to the ship. In the absence of such a date, the word 'installed' means the actual date of delivery of the ballast water management system to the ship.

Consequently, two dates, i.e. the contractual date of delivery or the actual date of delivery, and the date following commissioning and operation, may exist in relation

to installing a ballast water management system.

BWM.2/Circ.66 is attached.

The Technical Notice is made public on CCS website (www.ccs.org.cn) and is to be forwarded by CCS branches to relevant shipyards, shipowners, shipping companies and manufacturers in relevance to their business area.

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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT
OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004**

**Unified interpretation of Appendix I (Form of the International Ballast Water
Management Certificate) of the BWM Convention**

1 The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC), at its seventy-second session (9 to 13 April 2018), considered and approved the unified interpretation of appendix I (Form of the International Ballast Water Management Certificate) of the BWM Convention, as set out in the annex.

2 Member Governments and international organizations are invited to apply the annexed unified interpretation to appendix I of the BWM Convention and bring it to the attention of all parties concerned.

ANNEX

UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF APPENDIX I (FORM OF THE INTERNATIONAL BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE) OF THE BWM CONVENTION

Appendix I – Form of the International Ballast Water Management Certificate

"Date installed" in relation to "Method of ballast water management used"

1 For the purpose of completing the International Ballast Water Management Certificate, the date when commissioning has been completed in accordance with section 8 of the Guidelines (G8) (MEPC.174(58) or MEPC.279(70), as applicable) should be used.

2 Notwithstanding the above, it should be noted that, with regard to the deadline for installing a ballast water management system, operative paragraph 6 of resolution MEPC.279(70) (*2016 Guidelines for approval of ballast water management systems (G8)*) is as follows:

"6 AGREES that, for the purpose of operative paragraphs 4 and 5 of this resolution, the word 'installed' means the contractual date of delivery of the ballast water management system to the ship. In the absence of such a date, the word 'installed' means the actual date of delivery of the ballast water management system to the ship;"

3 Consequently, two dates, i.e. the contractual date of delivery or the actual date of delivery, and the date following commissioning and operation, may exist in relation to installing a ballast water management system.
