



REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

SHIPPING DEPUTY MINISTRY TO THE PRESIDENT

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To all Registered owners, Registered bareboat charterers,
Managers and Representatives of ships flying the Cyprus Flag,

To all Owners, Managers, Representatives and Agents in Cyprus of Ships,
irrespective of flag they are flying, calling at Cyprus ports,

To all Recognised Organisations (ROs),

Subject: Entry into force for the Republic of Cyprus of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (Ballast Water Management Convention)

I refer to the above subject and further to our Circulars No. 1/2017 and No. 13/2017, I wish to inform you that the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments ("Ballast Water Management Convention") will enter into force for the Republic of Cyprus on 8 November 2018 pursuant to Article 18.3 of the Convention.

2. The Republic of Cyprus ratified the Ballast Water Management Convention by virtue of the *International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (Ratification) and for Matters Connected Therewith Law of 2018* (BWM Ratification Law 5(III)/2018). Said Ratification Law was published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Cyprus No. 4244, dated 04.05.2018, Supplement I(III).

3. The Shipping Deputy Ministry to the President has prepared an unofficial translation into English of the aforementioned Ratification Law 5(III)/2018 which is available on our website (selecting "Legislation and Circulars/Consolidated Cyprus Shipping Legislation Section/ International Instruments").

4. After 8 November 2018, Statements of Compliance (SoC) should be replaced by the authorised Recognised Organisations (ROs), with an International Ballast Water Management Certificate, at the latest during the next annual/intermediate/renewal survey, whichever one comes first, with expiry date no later than the one on the existing SoC. No additional survey is required, provided the SoC was issued in compliance with the Ballast Water Management Convention survey requirements and there has been no modification or change of condition since the issuance of the SoC.

5. With respect to ships flying the flag of a State which is not a party to this Convention, the Republic of Cyprus shall apply the requirements of this Convention as may be necessary to ensure that no more favourable treatment is given to such ships (Ballast Water Management Convention, Article 3).



6. Enquiries with respect to the implementation of the Ballast Water Management Convention may be addressed to the Shipping Deputy Ministry's Marine Environment Protection Division at the following e-mail address: environment@dms.gov.cy .



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