



REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS
SHIPPING DEPUTY MINISTRY

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

All Recognised Organisations

Subject: Resolution MEPC 325(75) - Amendments to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments

1. With reference to the above subject and further to SDM Circular No. 43/2021 I wish to inform you that, the date of entry into force of the amended Regulation E-1 and appendix 1 of the Annex to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships Ballast Water and Sediments of 2004 (BWM Convention) is the **1st of June, 2022.**
2. After verification of the provisions of BWM an International Ballast Water Management Certificate (IBWMC) can be issued without any further authorisation by this Administration.
3. The Recognised Organisation, shall inform SDM in accordance with paragraph 8 of Circular BWM.2/Circ.70/Rev.1, not later than one month after the date of issue of the IBWM Certificate. Any laboratory which holds an ISO certification for water sampling and testing is accepted to perform the analyses required by paragraph 5 of the a.m. circular.
4. This Circular **supersedes SDM Circular No 20/2019** which is **hereby repealed**. The provisions of amended Regulation E-1 shall be followed in all cases of surveys for the commissioning of a BWTS and the issue of IBWMC.

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- Cyprus Shipping Chamber
- Cyprus Union of Shipowners
- Cyprus Bar Association

