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Subject:	BWM Convention - Adjustment to the Compliance Schedule
Reference	Ballast Water Management -IMO Resolution A.1088 (228)

BWM Convention - Adjustment to the Compliance Schedule

IMO has adopted Resolution A.1088 (28) on the Application of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004.

The 28th session of the IMO Assembly recognizes that the passage of time since adoption of the Convention has resulted in uncertainty for vessels regarding the application of -regulation B-3 (Ballast Water Management) and that such uncertainty can be mitigated through the application of an appropriate timeline for enforcement of -regulation D-1 (ballast water exchange standard) and -regulation D-2 (ballast water performance standard), upon entry into force of the Convention.

This Assembly Resolution recommends that upon entry into force of the Convention, each Party enforce the standards in regulations D-1 and D-2 in accordance with the schedule provided as follows (please see paragraph 2 of the resolution)

- a ship subject to regulations B-3.3 or B-3.5, constructed before the entry into force of the Convention, will not be required to comply with regulation D-2 until its first renewal survey following the date of entry into force of the Convention;
- a ship subject to regulations B-3.1.1, B-3.1.2 or B-3.4 will not be required to comply with regulation D-2 until its first renewal survey following the anniversary date of delivery of the ship in the year of compliance with the standard applicable to the ship;
- notwithstanding paragraph 2.2, where the Convention enters into force after the year 2014, a ship subject to regulation B-3.1.1 will not be required to comply with regulation D-2 until its first renewal survey following the date of entry into force of the Convention;
- notwithstanding paragraph 2.2, where the Convention enters into force after the year 2016, a ship subject to regulations B-3.1.2 or B-3.4 will not be required to comply with regulation D-2 until its first renewal survey following the date of entry into force of the Convention;
- a ship referred to in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.4 will be required to comply with either regulation D-1

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or regulation D-2 until such time as regulation D-2 is enforced;

- the renewal survey referred to in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.4 is the renewal survey associated with the International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate under MARPOL Annex I;

REFERENCES:

- IMO Resolution A.1088 (28) - Application of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004.

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