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IMO Study on the Implementation of Regulation D-2

BWM Convention-Operation Performance

The IMO has launched a Study on the implementation of the ballast water performance standard described in regulation D-2 of the BWM Convention.

The Study will assess the implementation of the *Guidelines for approval of ballast water management systems (G8)* and related type approval processes, as well as the performance of approved ballast water management systems (BWMS) in routine operation on board ships. The Study is fact-based and will focus on collecting, synthesizing and analyzing data and verifiable information and documentation.

The Study will involve two “tracks” to facilitate and optimize the collection of data.

Track 1 involves online surveys and document collection on current and past approaches and procedures used in testing of BWMS and the granting of Type Approval Certificates by Administrations. The goal is to collect facts on existing practices and to assess similarities and differences in approaches used by different stakeholders but not to designate the “correct” or “best” approach.

Track 2 also involves online surveys and data collection (see below) on the technical, mechanical and biological performance of BWMS with Type Approval Certificates that have been installed, commissioned and are in operation on board ships. Again the goal is to collect facts on BWMS operational performance and not to suggest what is “acceptable” or “best”.

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The success of the Study is highly dependent on the active engagement and contribution of the various participants and stakeholders. However, all proprietary and/or classified information collected for this Study will remain confidential and the data provided in the final report will not be attributed to any specific individual, organization, BWMS, or ship.

REFERENCES:

- BWM Convention implementation

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