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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	Ballast Water Management Convention
Reference	Regulation E-1.1.5 and Appendix I

Regulation E-1.1.5 and Appendix I: Implementation of BWMS Commissioning Test

A new unified interpretation was approved related to commissioning tests of BWMS undergoing a major modification or an upgrade on board an existing ship. The interpretation clarifies that if a BWMS on board a ship undergoes an upgrade or change to a major component as defined under paragraph 3.9 of the BWMS Code, the BWMS should be regarded as a newly installed BWMS.

A commissioning test should be conducted in accordance with regulation E-1.1.5 of the BWM Convention and an International Ballast Water Management Certificate (IBWMC) for that ship should be re-issued accordingly.

BWMS Code Paragraph 4.10: Requirements for Calibration of BWMS Components

A new unified interpretation was approved to clarify that for BWMS components that take measurements, the interval for accuracy checks for calibration or replacement of sensors should not be mandatorily linked to the survey scheme for the BWMS.

The accuracy checks of BWMS components that take measurements should be performed in accordance with the calibration procedure at intervals specified in the manufacturer's instructions. A validity check of calibration certificates should be conducted at BWM annual, intermediate and renewal surveys.

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REFERENCES:

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ATTACHMENTS: No

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