



Merchant Shipping Directorate



ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT CODE

Technical Notice BWM.3

*Notice to Ship-owners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters,
Owners' Representatives and Recognized Organizations*

The Merchant Shipping Directorate would like to remind all those concerned that Ballast Water Management Systems (BWMS) “*installed*” on and after 28 October 2020, shall be Type Approved according to the latest requirements laid down in [IMO Res. MEPC.300\(72\) BWM Code](#).

It is to be taken that the interpretation of the installation date, shall be in line with the unified interpretation contained in [IMO Circular BWM.2/Circ.66 Rev.1](#), whereby in the absence of the contractual date of delivery of the BWMS to the ship, this has to be taken as being the physical delivery of the BWMS.

It is recommended that owners/managers keep a copy of the contract (order) and delivery note of the BWMS, along with a copy of the IMO circular on board, in case this matter may be raised during an inspection.

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