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**Subject : De-coupling of the IOPP renewal survey in relation to the implementation of BWM Convention**

As informed by previous Technical Information(2016-IMO-02), the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 will enter into force on 8 September 2017. Moreover, in accordance with Res.A.1088(28), all ships constructed before 8 September 2017 that are classified to existing ships shall install a ballast water management system which is capable of meeting the performance standard referred in regulation D-2 of BWM Convention by first IOPP renewal survey after the date of entry into force of the Convention.

Even though all existing ships are required to install a BWMS onboard ships by the first IOPP renewal survey after 8 September 2017, taking also into account that new BWMSs type approved in accordance with the revised G8 guidelines are not commercially available in the market and USCG type approved BWMSs are not sufficiently available yet, some flag Administrations has recently published their instructions on whether IOPP renewal survey could be completed early and de-harmonized with the remaining renewal surveys or not. In this respect, please be informed below summary of above flag instructions accordingly.

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**1. Summary of flag instructions**

Flag	Circular No.	Summary
Republic of Korea	Maritime Industry and Technology Division - 34	The early completion of IOPP renewal survey is possible where ship owners want de-coupling of IOPP renewal survey. And then, new certificate shall be valid to a date not exceeding 5 years from the completion date. But, IOPP renewal shall be re-harmonized with the remaining renewal surveys at next renewal survey.

Panama	MMC-342	Where ship owners want de-coupling of IOPP renewal survey, ship owner's request to carry out IOPP renewal survey should be sent to the Administration on a case by case basis, together with the follows: 1. Class Status Report Copy 2. Confirmation from the RO, providing proposed date and place to carry out in advance the IOPP renewal survey
Marshall Islands	Technical Circular No.25	The early completion of IOPP renewal survey is possible where ship owners want de-coupling of IOPP renewal survey. And then, new certificate shall be valid to a date not exceeding 5 years from the completion date. No special authorization from the Administration is required to carry out an early IOPP renewal survey and IOPP renewal shall be re-harmonized with the remaining renewal surveys at next renewal survey.
Liberia	Marine Advisory 14/2016	The early completion of IOPP renewal survey is possible where ship owners want de-coupling of IOPP renewal survey. And then, new certificate shall be valid to a date not exceeding 5 years from the completion date. But, IOPP renewal shall be re-harmonized with the remaining renewal surveys at the earliest possible opportunity.
Bahamas	Technical Alert No.16-05 Rev.3	The early completion of IOPP renewal survey is possible where ship owners want de-coupling of IOPP renewal survey. And then, new certificate shall be valid to a date not exceeding 5 years from the completion date. But, IOPP renewal shall be re-harmonized with the remaining renewal surveys at the earliest possible opportunity.
Germany	Circular 03/2016(ISM)	The early completion of IOPP renewal survey is possible where ship owners want de-coupling of IOPP renewal survey. And then, new certificate shall be valid to a date not exceeding 5 years from the completion date. If ship owners like to choose the option of de-coupling the IOPP certificate, owners are required to contact the Administration and classification society.
India	Engineering Circular No.2 of 2016	The early completion of IOPP renewal survey is possible where ship owners want de-coupling of IOPP renewal survey. Ship owner's request to carry out IOPP renewal survey should be sent to the classification society.
Antigua &	Information	The early completion of IOPP renewal survey is possible

Barbuda	Notice 2016-003 (Rev.2)	where ship owners want de-coupling of IOPP renewal survey. Ship owner's request to carry out IOPP renewal survey should be sent to the classification society. But, reporting requirements vary depending on whether total ballast water capacity is more than 10,000 cubic metres or not.
Barbados	Information Bulletin No.264	The early completion of IOPP renewal survey is possible where ship owners want de-coupling of IOPP renewal survey. Ship owner's request to carry out IOPP renewal survey should be sent to the classification society and IOPP renewal shall be re-harmonized with the remaining renewal surveys at next renewal survey.
Luxembourg	Circular CAM 10/2016	The early completion of IOPP renewal survey is possible where ship owners want de-coupling of IOPP renewal survey. Ship owners wanting de-coupling of IOPP renewal survey are required to introduce a special request with a well-founded and documented justification for a case by case by the ship's classification society and IOPP renewal shall be re-harmonized with the remaining renewal surveys at next renewal survey.
St. Vincent & the Grenadines	Circular No. BWM 004 - Rev.2	The early completion of IOPP renewal survey is possible where ship owners want de-coupling of IOPP renewal survey. Ship owner's request to carry out IOPP renewal survey with a designated form should be sent to the classification society on a case by case basis.
Australia	-	AMSA does not support de-coupling of IOPP renewal survey, and will finalize the implementation process shortly.

## 2. De-coupling of IOPP renewal survey

### .1 With respect to the early completion of IOPP renewal survey, the following retroactive application requirement shall be further met:

- a case where the IOPP renewal survey will be carried out early for oil tankers issued with IOPP Foam B certificate on or after 2016, installation requirements of Stability Instrument shall apply further. For more detailed information, please refer to a previous Technical Information (2015-IMO-05).
- a case where the IOPP renewal survey will be carried out early for all ships issued with IOPP Foam A or B on or after 2017, the requirement on separation between oil residue and bilge water system in machinery space shall apply further. For more detailed information, please refer to a previous Technical Information (2016-IMO-06).

- .2 A case where IOPP renewal survey is carried out other than remaining renewal survey in accordance with above flag instructions, IOPP renewal survey shall be completed before the date(8 September 2017) of entry into force of the Convention.
- .3 Given the attached flag instruction in detail, all stakeholders are kindly invited to comply with the provided procedures associated with the survey application to the Administration or classification society in order to carry out de-coupling of IOPP renewal survey.
- .4 In particular, a case where Panama flagged ships apply de-coupling of IOPP renewal survey, ship owners are requested to contact classification society (relevant branch office where intended IOPP renewal survey will be carried out) for IOPP renewal survey, and then contact Panama Office below along with confirmation provided by classification society (no designated form, E-mail from surveyor in charge of a subject ship is acceptable)

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- .5 Please be informed that IOPP certificate expiry date which was inconsistent with other statutory certificates due to the early completion of renewal survey will be re-aligned with other statutory certificates at next renewal survey in accordance with HSSC scheme.

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Attachment : 1. Flag instructions on de-coupling of IOPP renewal survey - 1 copy



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