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Subject : Approval of BWMP and issuance of IBWM Certificate for all Panamanian flagged ships

A flag instruction in relation to the implementation of International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediment, 2004 for all Panamanian flagged ship was published.

In accordance with this instruction, ship owners and operators of all Panamanian flagged ships should apply the approval of BWMP and issuance of IBWM Certificate through the link provided by the Panama Administration as of March 15, 2017.

In this regard, we would like to provide the summary of flag instruction as below, ship owners and operators of Panamanian flagged ships are kindly invited to pay attention so that BWMP and IBWM Certificate be properly approved and issued by the Panama Administration in a timely manners.

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1. Summary of Panama instruction

Requirements	Summary
Type approval of Ballast Water Management System	<p>The Ballast Water Management System type approved by other Administrations will be accepted on ships under Panama flag. But, manufacturers interested to obtain approval for their BWMS by the Panama Maritime Authority may request a Recognition Certificate on a voluntary basis with the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> .1 The list of system equipments limitations, if applicable; .2 Certificate of type approval from other Administration; .3 Additional supporting document, such as type approvals issued by Classification Societies;

	.4 Test results carried out by the other Administration and/or Classification Societies; and .5 Official Payment Receipt for USD 2,000
Ballast Water Management Plan	Ballast Water Management Plan should be approved by the Panama Administration. Ship owners and operators should apply the approval of BWMP through below link, and fees set for the approval of the Plan is USD 1,500 http://certificates.amp.gob.pa/certificates
International Ballast Water Management Certificate	IBWM full term Certificate should be issued by the Panama Administration. Ship owners and operators should apply the issue of IBWM Certificate through below link with the following documents: .1 Short term or Provisional Certificate or Statement of Compliance issued by the Recognized Organizations; .2 Survey report; and .3 BWMP approval; .4 Fees set for the issuance of IBWM Certificate is USD 300 http://certificates.amp.gob.pa/certificates

2. The measures by ship owners

2.1 Even though the ships are already provided with a BWMP approved by this society, the BWMP to be placed onboard Panamanian flagged ships should be re-approved by the Administration through an above referred Link.

2.2 Ship owners are required to place onboard a BWMP approved by the Administration, and then apply the initial survey to the nearest branch office of this society with a view to issuing IBWM SoC or provisional IBWM Certificate valid for a period of 5 months.

2.3 Subject to the satisfactory results of the survey, IBWM SoC or provisional IBWM Certificate valid for a period of 5 months will be issued to the subject ships. And then, the ships need to be issued with an IBWM Full Term Certificate by the Administration through an above referred Link, attaching a BWMP approved by the Administration along with IBWM SoC or provisional IBWM Certificate issued by this society.

2.4 Provided the ships are already issued an IBWM SoC by this society, the

additional survey is not required. In this case, as referred in above paragraph 2.3, the ships need to be issued with an IBWM Full Term Certificate by the Administration through an above referred Link, attaching a BWMP approved by the Administration along with IBWM SoC issued by this society accordingly.

Ship owners of all Panamanian flagged ships are kindly invited to note above particular procedures and pay full attention so that IBWM Full Term Certificate be issued before the entry into force of the Convention in a timely manner.

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