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

A flag instruction (Marine Operations Note 02/2017) in relation to the implementation of International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediment, 2004 for all Liberian flagged ship was published.

In accordance with this instruction, ship owners and operators of all Liberian flagged ships, except for IBWM Certificate and BWMP already issued and approved by the classification society, should apply the approval of BWMP and issuance of IBWM Certificate to the Liberian Administration directly as of April 22, 2017.

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

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1. Summary of Liberia instruction (Marine Operations Note 02/2017)

Requirements	Summary
Approval of BWMP and issuance of IBWM Certificate	the Administration will review and approve all BWM Plans and issue IBWM Certificate for existing Liberian flagged ships implementing only the BWE standard in regulation D-1.
Ships fitted with BWMS onboard	Owners and operators of existing ships that have installed BWMS and intend to voluntarily implement the ballast water performance standard in regulation D-2 ahead of the enforcement date, should contact an authorized RO for the relevant survey and certification.

<p style="text-align: center;">Information to be provided to the Liberian Administration for the approval of BWMP and issuance of IBWM Certificate</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Verification that the BWMP required by regulation B-1 comply with the requirements of the BWM Convention; 2. Verification that the approved BWMP and record book are onboard and being implemented; 3. Company attests that no modifications or conditions onboard affecting ballast operations and ballast water exchange have been made since last periodical survey; 4. Declaration from the ship's Master that the BWMP; BW Record Book; and notification or communication with coastal State is being implemented and that the BWM officer has been designated and the crew have been provided with the necessary training and familiarization; and 5. A copy of the IOPP Certificate. 6. Item 3 and implementation of item 5 will be verified at the next attendance of the flag State inspector. 7. Owners and operators requiring approval of BWMP and IBWM Certificate shall contact to the Administration at technical@liscr.com
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2. Cautions

- 2.1 IBWM Certificates already issued by a classification society prior to 22 April 2017 will continue to remain valid until they expire or the ship implements the ballast water performance standard in regulation D-2, whichever is earlier.
- 2.2 Statement of Compliance issued to existing ships implementing only the BWE standard in regulation D-1 shall be replaced with IBWM Certificates issued by the Administration.
- 2.3 BWMP already approved by the Administration or a classification society in accordance with Res.A.868(20) or Res.MEPC.127(53) remain valid until the plan requires revision due to the implementation of the ballast water performance standard in regulation D-2.
- 2.4 Upon receiving a BWMP for review and approval, the Administration will issue a statement when the plan was received, thereby allowing the ship to trade for three months with an unapproved BWMP onboard.

2.5 Periodical survey (annual, intermediate and renewal) following entry into force of the Convention for the ships only implementing BWE will also be conducted by the Liberian Administration, thus owners are required to apply those surveys to the Administration directly.

Ship owners of all Liberian flagged ships are kindly invited to note above particular procedures and pay full attention so that IBWM Certificate be issued in a timely manner.

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Attachment : Marine Operations Note 02/2017 - 1 copy

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