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TITLE	IMPLEMENTATION OF BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
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To All Owners, Managers, Ship Builder and Designer of Malaysian Vessels,

1. In 2004, IMO adopted the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments. The convention will come into effect 12 months after 30 countries representing a combined total gross tonnage of more than 35% of the world's merchant fleet have ratified it. Currently 44 countries representing a combined tonnage of 32.86% of the world's merchant fleet have ratified the convention as of 24 March 2015.
2. The convention will apply to all ships and offshore structures that carry ballast water and are engaged in international voyages.
3. The Ballast Water Management (BWM) Convention requires:
 - a) A ship-specific Ballast Water Management Plan approved by the administration on board
 - b) A Ballast Water record book on board
 - c) Ballast water exchange (**Regulation D-1**)
 - d) An approved ballast water treatment system (**Regulation D-2**)
 - e) An International Ballast Water Management certificate.
4. The convention stipulates two standards for discharged of ballast water. The D-1 standard covers ballast water exchange, while the D-2 standard covers ballast water treatment. The convention requires either D-1 or D-2 standard to be implemented after entry into force. If entry into force occurs prior to 1st of January 2017, the convention will require compliance with D-2 according to the schedule in the Table 1.

Constructed year		BW capacity (m3)	New schedule
Before 2009		Between 1500 and 5000	1st IOPP renewal survey after entry into force of the Convention
		Less than 1500 or greater than 5000	1st IOPP renewal survey after the anniversary date of delivery of ship in 2016
2009 or after		Less than 5000	1st IOPP renewal survey after entry into force of the Convention
	Between 2009 and 2011	5000 or more	1st IOPP renewal survey after the anniversary date of delivery of ship in 2016
	After 2011	5000 or more	1st IOPP renewal survey after entry into force of the Convention

Table 1

5. However, if the Convention enters into force after 31 December 2016, the applicable date of compliance with D-2 standard is at first renewal survey date. Ships built after entry into force, will be required to have a treatment system installed at delivery.

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