

IMO updates (MEPC 71/GISIS)

- Agreement on implementation schedule of the D-2 standard
- Same Risk Area – Included in the Guidelines for risk assessment under regulation A-4 (G7)
- Clarification on the application of the Convention to ships operating in sea areas where ballast water exchange is not possible
- GISIS – new BWMC module, eg. information on exemptions

Amendments to regulation B-3 – implementation of the D-2 standard



D-2 standard fully implemented by 2024

- New build ships shall meet the D-2 standard at once
- Existing ships shall meet the D-2 at the first renewal survey of the IOPP certificate after 7th September 2019
- Ships that don't carry IOPP (< 400 gt, barges) – shall meet D-2 standard not later than 8th September 2024.

Same Risk Area – amendments to Guidelines for risk assessment under regulation A-4 (G7)

Definition: “Same Risk Area (SRA) – an agreed geographical area based on a completion of a risk assessment carried out in line with these Guidelines.”

- SRA will typically take the form of a species-specific assessment
- The extent and directionality of natural dispersal of the target species should be modelled for the relevant water bodies
- Data on the hydrodynamic, environmental and meteorological conditions is required
- Low-risk: if target species are present in all the selected ports or locations or have a high probability of establishing throughout the SRA by natural dispersal within the agreed time window.”

BWM.2/Circ.63 - Application of the Convention to ships operating in sea areas where ballast water exchange is not possible

- .1 should not be required to meet the D-2 standard;
- .2 should not be required to meet the D-2 standard regardless if the ship does not comply with regulation B-3.6 (Discharge to a ballast water reception facility), B-3.7 (Other methods) or A-4 (Exemptions) of the BWM Convention;
- .3 should not be required to proceed under regulation B-3.6, B-3.7 or A-4 of the BWM Convention; and
- .4 should record the reasons why ballast water exchange was not conducted in accordance with regulation B-4.5.

IMO GISIS – New BW module

Reporting to IMO required by the BWM Convention:

- Exemptions granted to ships under regulation A-4;
- Ballast water exchange areas designated under regulation B-4.2;
- Additional measures under regulation C-1; and
- Warnings concerning ballast water uptake in certain areas and related flag State measures under regulation C-2.

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