

Current status and discussions at IMO regarding ballast water management



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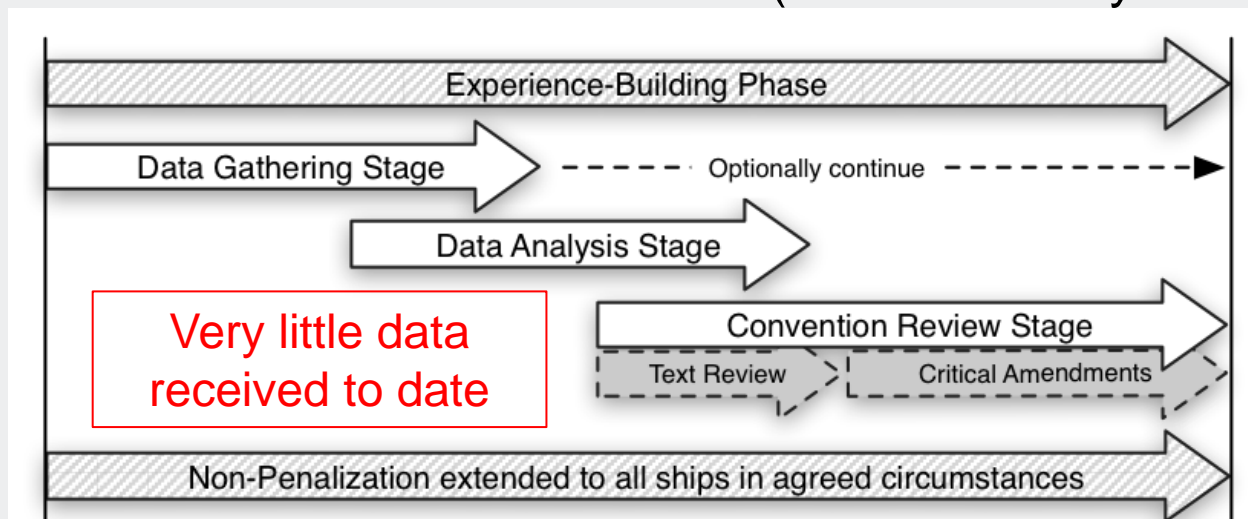
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Focus on effective implementation



Experience-building phase (EBP)

- Established to allow a systematic and evidence-based review of the BWM Convention
 - Enables port States, flag States, and other stakeholders to gather, prepare and submit data about the BWM Convention
 - Intended to conclude with the development of a package of amendments to the BWM Convention (if warranted by data)



Outcomes of PPR 7

- Revision of the **guidance on BWMS commissioning testing** (BWM.2/Circ.70) in light of the amendments to regulation E-1
- Work on a **protocol for verification of ballast water compliance monitoring devices** – to continue at PPR 8
- Methods added/updated in the **guidance on sampling and analysis and on enumerating viable organisms** – latter to conclude at PPR 9



Outcomes of MEPC 75

- ~~First aggregate data report on the experience-building phase; taking stock of EBP's timeline~~
- Adoption of amendments to regulation E-1 and Appendix I of the BWM Convention
- Approval of revisions to the *Guidance for the commissioning testing of ballast water management systems* (BWM.2/Circ.70) and the *Guidance on ballast water sampling and analysis for trial use in accordance with the BWM Convention and Guidelines (G2)* (BWM.2/Circ.42) developed by PPR 7
- Approval of BWMS that make use of Active Substances



Expected topics at PPR 8 and MEPC 76

PPR 8

- Continuation of work on a protocol for verification of ballast water compliance monitoring devices

MEPC 76

- Interpretation of the revised form of the International Ballast Water Management Certificate
- Update on the experience-building phase; taking stock of EBP's timeline
- Proposals on the application of the BWM Convention to specific ship types



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