

# GUIDELINES

## ON APPLICATION OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004

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The present Rule Change Notice to the Guidelines on application of the requirements of International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (hereinafter — RCN) has been approved in accordance with the established approval procedure and contains information on amendments, except for editorial amendments. RCN amendments come in force on 1 July 2025.

**REVISION HISTORY**

Item	Applicability	Description	Remarks
<a href="#">Part I, para 1.2.1</a> (new)	Ships in service Technical documentation Ballast Water Record Book	The new definition "Electronic Ballast Water Record Book" has been introduced	IMO resolution MEPC.383(81) (Entry-into-force date: 01.10.2025)
<a href="#">Part I, para 3.1.3</a>	Ships under construction and in service Ballast Water Management System Type approval	Reference to the current international requirements has been updated	IMO circular BWM.2/Circ.43/Rev.2
<a href="#">Part I, para 4.2.1.2</a>	Ships in service Technical documentation Ballast Water Record Book	Reference to the current international requirements has been updated	IMO circular BWM.2/Circ.80/Rev.1

## **PART I. TECHNICAL SUPERVISION**

### **1 GENERAL**

**Para 1.2.1.** After the definition "Ballast water management" **the new definition "Electronic Ballast Water Record Book"** is introduced reading as follows:

"Electronic Ballast Water Record Book means a device or system which is approved by the Administration or by the Register on its behalf, taking into account the provisions of IMO resolution MEPC.372(80) and used for electronically recording the entries for each ballast water operation as required under Convention in lieu of a hard copy record book.

This definition shall be applied from 1 October 2025 in accordance with IMO resolution MEPC.383(81)."

### **3 APPROVAL OF TYPE OF SHIP BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS**

**Para 3.1.3.** **The second paragraph** is amended as follows:

"The BWMS type approval procedure shall be carried out in compliance with Section 5 of the BWMS Code (refer to IMO resolution MEPC.300(72)), taking into account IMO circular BWM.2/Circ.43/Rev.2".

### **4 SHIPS SURVEYS FOR BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT**

**Para 4.2.1.2** is amended as follows:

".2 Ballast Water Record Book that can be an electronic record book, taking into account IMO resolution MEPC.372(80). This record book shall at least contain information specified in Appendix II to the Annex to the Convention, subject to the amendments to IMO resolution MEPC.369(80). The record book shall be kept and stored in compliance with regulation B-2 of Annex to the Convention, taking into account IMO circular BWM.2/Circ.80/Rev.1";"

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