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OWNERS/MANAGERS, DEPUTY REGISTRARS, CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES,  
RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS, PORT STATE CONTROL OFFICERS

SUBJET: **IMPLEMENTATION OF IMO RESOLUTION A.1088(28) (BWMC)**

### 1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this Circular is to provide guidelines related to IMO Resolution A.1088 (28) on the "APPLICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004".

### 2. Guidelines

- 2.1. According to IMO Resolution A. 1088(28), a vessel is not required to comply with regulation D-2 until the first renewal survey of her International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate (IOPP), following the date of entry into force of the Ballast Water Management Convention on 8 September 2017.
- 2.2. This Administration taking into account that neither the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 (MARPOL Convention), nor the Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC) prevent renewal inspections in advance, will authorize on a case by case basis and at the Shipowner's request the de-harmonization of the IOPP Certificate until the date of entry into force of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004.
- 2.3. The requests for the de-harmonization of the IOPP Certificate shall be officially submitted to this Administration through the Recognized Organization and shall include the following documents:
- 2.4. Official request for the de-harmonization of IOPP, signed/stamped from the Shipowner;
- 2.5. Current Survey Status Report;
- 2.6. Confirmation from the Recognized Organization on the proposed date and place of early IOPP Renewal Survey.



- 2.7. Upon issuance of the relevant authorization letter from this Administration for the de-harmonization of the IOPP Certificate, early renewal inspection may be conducted afloat provided that all the applicable requirements of the renewal survey are satisfactorily met.
- 2.8. An authorization request shall not be made to this Administration when the Shipowner decides to renew in advance all statutory Certificates.

### 3. Contact

Should you require any additional information, you may contact our Technical Department as provided below:

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