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TO: SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND  
RECOGNIZE ORGANIZATIONS

**Subject:** Development and Approval of Ballast Water Management plans (BWMP) on board Georgian flagged ships.

**Reference:** International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM) 2004 IMO Resolution MEPC 127(53)

**PURPOSE:** Guideline for Ship-owners/Managers and Recognized Organization  
Concerning development and approval of BWMP

International Maritime Organization has developed guidelines for the development and implementation of ballast water management plans on board ships (IMO Resolution MEPC 127(53)) aiming to assist governments, appropriate authorities, ships' Masters, operators, owners and port authorities, as well as other interested parties, in preventing, minimizing and ultimately eliminating the risk of introducing harmful aquatic organisms and pathogens from ships' ballast water and associated sediments, while protecting ships' safety.

Good record keeping is critical to the success of a sound ballast water management program. The appointed ballast water management officer is responsible for ensuring the maintenance of appropriate records and that ballast water management and/or treatment procedures are followed and recorded.

BWM convention requires the ships to have on board and implement a Ballast Water Management Plan

approved by the Administration (Regulation B-1). The Ballast Water Management Plan is specific to each ship and includes a detailed description of the actions to be taken to implement the Ballast Water Management requirements and supplemental Ballast Water Management practices.

BWMP shall guide personnel in safe operation of the Ballast Water Management system employed on a particular ship. Effective planning ensures that the necessary actions are taken in a structured, logical, and safe manner.

In order to accomplish its purpose, BWMP must be:

1. Realistic, practical, and easy to use;
2. Understood by ship's personnel engaged in ballast water management, both on board and ashore;
3. Evaluated, reviewed, and updated as necessary; and
4. Consistent with the operational ballasting requirements of the ship.

Convention also requires the ships to have a Ballast Water Record Book (Regulation B-2) to record when ballast water is taken on board; circulated or treated for Ballast Water Management purposes; and discharged into the sea. It should also record when Ballast Water is discharged to a reception facility and accidental or other exceptional discharges of Ballast Water

All ships flying Georgian flags are required to carry on board Approved Ballast Water Management Plan including Ballast Water record book developed in accordance with the Resolution MEPC 127(53) – Guidelines for the Ballast Water Management and Development of Ballast Water Management Plans (G4).

Maritime Transport Agency of Georgia authorizes its Recognized Classification Societies to approve the "Ballast Water Management Plan" on board Georgian flagged ships.

Acting Director

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