



Maritime Circular No.35

To:

Ship – Owners / Managers / Operators, Registration Officers (RegOffs), Recognised Organisations (ROs)

Subject:

Early renewal survey of IOPP prior entry into force of BWM Convention

Date:

7th March 2017

References:

International Convention for the Control and Management of Ship's Ballast Water and Sediment, 2004 (BWM Convention)

International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol 1978 (MARPOL Convention)

Harmonized System of Surveys and Certification (HSSC)

Purpose

To provide instructions to Ship – Owners / Managers / Operators, Recognised Organisations (ROs) for a smooth transition towards the implementation of BWM Convention.

Application

1. Considering that neither the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol 1978 (MARPOL Convention), nor the Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Surveys and Certification (HSSC) prohibits the renewal inspections in advance or the de-harmonization of the IOPP Certificates, this Administration decided to accept the International Oil Pollution Prevention (IOPP) Certificate from being de-harmonized from all other statutory certificates, in order to provide enough time to Sierra Leonean flagged vessels in compliance with this convention to meet the requirements.
2. The de-harmonization of the IOPP survey will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The application shall be submitted via email to technical@slmarad.com and Recognised Organisations can proceed to the early completion of the IOPP renewal survey only upon written confirmation by this Administration.
3. Upon completion of the early renewal IOPP survey, the RO shall issue a new Certificate with validity of 5 years. This certificate shall be submitted to this Administration together with an updated Survey Status Report, as per Maritime Circular No.4.
4. Ship Owners and ISM Operators are encouraged to re-harmonize the IOPP surveys and Certificate into the Harmonized System of Surveys and Certification (HSSC) in the future.
5. The de-harmonization of the IOPP certificate can be done only prior 8th September 2017, when the BWM Convention enters into force.

6. The above policy will enter into effect as of 7th of March 2017 and will be automatically considered obsolete on the date of entry into force of the BWM Convention.

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