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## **Ballast Water Management - The International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004.**

**Notice to all Ship Owners, Ship Operators, Fishing Vessel Owners, Port and Harbour Authorities, UK Recognised Organisations and Surveyors**

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### **Summary**

This Marine Information Note provides details on where to find updated information regarding the Ballast Water Management Convention and its implementation within the UK.

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004, entered into force on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017.
- 1.2 The Convention aims to minimise and reduce the impact of invasive species introduced through ballast water by establishing requirements for the control and management of ships' ballast water.
- 1.3 As implementation of the Convention progresses, owners and operators have approached the Maritime and Coastguard Agency with a range of queries and questions.
- 1.4 For information to be disseminated in an agile and timely manner, the MCA has developed a new Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document which is aimed at answering the questions that have been received since entry into force of the Convention.
- 1.5 It is intended that this document will be periodically updated based upon need and as such stakeholders are encouraged to first check the FAQ to see if your question has already been answered.

## **2. Information on the BWM Convention and FAQ**



2.1 Further information on the background of the Convention and on the UKs implementation of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004, can be found on the UK Government website: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/control-and-management-of-ballast-water>

2.2 Links to IMO developed Guidelines, documents detailing available ballast water management guidance and a list of approved ballast water treatment systems can be found at:

<http://www.imo.org/en/OurWork/Environment/BallastWaterManagement/Documents/Compilation%20of%20relevant%20Guidelines%20and%20guidance%20documents%20-%20April%202017.pdf>

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