



Current BWM work at IMO



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IMO BWM Groups

➤ Meetings of

- Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC), next in April 2016 (and Fall 2016)
- Sub-Committee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR), next in February 2016
- Sub-Committee on Implementation of IMO Instruments (III), was in July 2014

➤ Correspondence Group(s)

- Ad-hoc working groups at meetings, also off official IMO working hours



MEPC 2016

- Outcome of sub-committees and correspondence group(s)
- Outcome of GESAMP BWWG on Basic Approvals and Final Approvals of BWMS making use of active substances
- Review of guidelines for approval of ballast water management systems (G8)
- Study on advice on the process of ratification, implementation and enforcement of the BWMC
- Roadmap for BWMC implementation
- Phase-in of Ballast Water Performance Standard (Regulation B-3)
- Guidance on BWM exceptions (Regulation A-3) and exemptions (Regulation A-4)





PPR 2016

- Revised guidance on ballast water sampling and analysis
- Production of a manual entitled "Ballast Water Management – How to do it"





Correspondence Group (ongoing)

➤ Update of Guidelines G8

- Make BWMS more fit for purpose
- Modification of test water conditions to challenge BWMS
- Additional tests (climate zones, salinity)
- Change in minimum holding time between uptake and discharge for land-based tests
- Amendments to BWMS certificate





Future perspective

- Once the BWMC is in force...
 - Amendments of the BWMC may be agreed
 - Certain Guidelines may be re-opened for discussion





Summary

- IMO currently works to
 - improve the BWMS test Guidelines G8 to make BWMS more fit for purpose
 - Provide additional guidance regarding ballast water sampling
 - provide guidance how to implement the BWMC in national law to support BWMC ratification

