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NEW IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A BALLAST WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM ON BOARD EXISTING SHIPS

The MEPC 71 - concluded last week - has approved a revised implementation schedule for the installation of a ballast water treatment system (BWTS) on board existing ships as required by Regulation D-2 of the BWM Convention. Ships constructed on or after 08/09/2017 must still comply with the installation of a BWTS upon delivery.

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As already been informed through Dromon Circular [C16022](#), the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM Convention) will enter into force on 08/09/2017. Up until last week existing ships, constructed (keel laid date) before 08/09/2017 shall comply with Regulation D-2 (i.e. installation of a BWTS) at the first renewal MARPOL/IOPP survey after the date of entry into force.

Following MEPC 71, a revision of Regulation B-3 of the BWM Convention has been agreed changing the installation schedule of BWTS (Regulation D-2) on board existing ships constructed (keel laid date) before 08/09/2017. Herewith below are the new requirements that supersede the implementation schedule adopted by IMO Resolution A.1088(28).

[New ships / Ships constructed \(keel laid date\) after 08/09/2017:](#)

This implementation schedule remains the same therefore, new ships must comply with Regulation D-2 and install on board an approved BWTS on delivery.

[Existing ships / Ships constructed \(keel laid date\) before 08/09/2017:](#)

Existing ships must comply with Regulation D-2 and install an approved BWTS on board on **the first renewal MARPOL/IOPP survey** after 08/09/2017 if:

- the renewal MARPOL/IOPP survey is completed on or after 08/09/2019; or
- a renewal MARPOL/IOPP survey is completed on or after 08/09/2014 but before 08/09/2017.

This means that if your ship has undergone a renewal MARPOL/IOPP survey between 08/09/2014 to 08/09/2017 must be installed with an approved BWTS at **the first MARPOL/IOPP survey** due after 08/09/2017.

Existing ships must comply with Regulation D-2 and install an approved BWTS on board on **the second renewal MARPOL/IOPP survey** after 08/09/2017 if:

- the first renewal MARPOL/IOPP survey after 08/09/2017 is completed before 08/09/2019; and
- if the conditions to complete at the first renewal IOPP (outlined above) are not met.

This means that if your ship will undergo a renewal MARPOL/IOPP survey between 08/09/2017 to 08/09/2019 this shall not be de harmonized in order for the ship to be installed with an approved BWTS **at the second MARPOL/IOPP survey** after 08/09/2017.

Existing ships that MARPOL/IOPP survey does not apply:

For existing oil tankers of less than 150 GT and other ships of less than 400 GT, that the MARPOL/IOPP survey is not applicable shall comply with the installation of a BWTS no later than 08/09/2024 or from a date decided by the flag State Administration.

Ship calling USA:

For ships that trade or call USA, the applicable USCG implementation schedule remains the same.

Graphical representation of the BWTS installation schedule

Attached to this Circular is a graphical representation of the revised implementation schedule for the installation of an approved BWTS (Regulation D-2) on board ships.

Act now

Ship owners/ managers must review the new implementation schedule and comply accordingly. For further information please contact DBS Head office through info@dromon.com.

08/09/2017
Date of entry into force

	Completion date of Renewal MARPOL/IOPP Survey					Next due date of Renewal MARPOL/IOPP Survey							
	09-2012 to 09-2013	09-2013 to 09-2014	09-2014 to 09-2015	09-2015 to 09-2016	09-2016 to 09-2017	09-2017 to 09-2018	09-2018 to 09-2019	09-2019 to 09-2020	09-2020 to 09-2021	09-2021 to 09-2022	09-2022 to 09-2023	09-2023 to 09-2024	09-2024 to 09-2025
Existing Ships¹											Comply with Reg. D-2		
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										Comply with Reg. D-2			
New ships²	Upon Delivery												
Ships < 400 GT³	At the latest up to 2024												

Notes:

¹Existing ships are ships constructed (keel laid date) before 08/09/2017

²New ships are ships constructed (keel laid date) after 08/09/2017

³Ships that MARPOL/IOPP surveys does not apply

