

Isle of Man Ship Registry Technical Advisory Notice



Ballast Water Management - Criteria for entry into force not yet met

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The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has almost completed its calculations of the shipping tonnage of the States that have ratified the Ballast Water Management Convention, and concluded that the conditions for initiating entry into force have not yet been met. An additional 0.44% of global tonnage is needed to meet the required 35% threshold.

The IMO has therefore confirmed that the November 2015 ratifications did not trigger the Convention's entry into force.

This means that the Ballast Water Management Convention will enter into force sometime in 2017 at the earliest.

What does this mean in reality?

- All existing vessels will have to comply with the regulation D-1 (Ballast Exchange) requirements on the entry into force date.
- All existing vessels will have to comply with the regulation D-2 (Discharge Performance Standard) by the date of the vessel's next International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate renewal survey after the entry into force date.
- All vessels with a keel laying date after the entry into force date will have to comply with regulation D-2 on delivery.

Please be aware Manx Shipping Notice 053-Ballast Water Management Convention Implementation Schedule has now been withdrawn.

The Ship Registry will issue a new Technical Advisory Notice when there is further progress on the Ballast Water Management implementation schedule.

Please note - The Isle of Man Ship Registry cannot give legal advice. Where this document provides guidance on the law it should not be regarded as definitive. The way the law applies to any particular case can vary according to circumstances - for example, from vessel to vessel. You should consider seeking independent legal advice if you are unsure of your own legal position.

