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International News

UK MCA Seeks Public Views on IMO BWM Convention

The United Kingdom's Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) has announced the open consultation seeking public views on the draft merchant shipping regulations for control and management of ships' ballast water and sediments. These 2021 regulations will implement the IMO's Ballast Water Management Convention into domestic UK law. The consultation document, draft legislation, Maritime Guidance Note, Merchant Shipping Notice and Impact assessment are available [HERE](#). Views are to be provided to the MCA by 18:00 hrs on 16 June 2021.

IMO PPR Subcommittee Session Discussed BWM Compliance Monitoring

The IMO Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR) Subcommittee held its 8th Session from 22 to 26 March 2021. Key topics addressed were amendments to the IBC Code, biofouling management,

black carbon emissions, use / carriage of heavy fuel oil in Arctic waters, MARPOL Annex IV and sewage treatment plants, and marine plastic litter.

With respect to ballast water, the main item discussed during PPR8 was development of the standard protocol for verification of ballast water compliance monitoring devices (CMDs). Owing to the technical detail of the comments submitted on the revised draft proposed protocol in document PPR8/11 (Canada, et al.) and divergent opinions expressed by various national Administrations and other organizations, the Subcommittee agreed to establish a correspondence group to continue efforts on development of the protocol. The correspondence group will submit a revised draft protocol and report to the 9th Session of PPR, which will take place in 2022.



United States News

USCG Revised their STEP Applications for BWMSs

The USCG recently published a revised [Shipboard Technology Evaluation Program \(STEP\) application package](#). The application can be used for entering vessels into STEP for the purpose of testing prototype BWMSs or for vessels being used as a shipboard testing platform for BWMS that are undergoing testing with oversight by an Independent Laboratory (IL) to obtain US Type Approval.

USCG Implements COVID-19 Mask Mandate

In February 2021, the USCG issued Marine Safety Information Bulletin ([MSIB\) 02-21, COVID-19 Safety Requirements in the Marine Transportation System](#). Since the release, the USCG received a number of questions regarding implementation of the mask mandate and has provided information on the [Coast Guard Maritime Commons blog](#).

Great Lakes Base Pilotage Rates for 2021

The USCG announced in the Federal Register establishment of [new Great Lakes base pilotage rates for 2021](#). The ruling will adjust the pilotage rates to account for changes in district operating expenses, an increase in the number of pilots, and anticipated inflation.

VIDA Establishes GLLCISP

The Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA) established the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain Invasive Species Program (GLLCISP), which has several purposes related to ballast water management. To address these, a Great Lakes Ballast Water Research Plan has been developed to identify approaches, methods and best available technologies for reducing risks from aquatic invasive species in the Great Lakes. Learn more [HERE](#).

Ballast Water Treatment System Type Approvals

The USCG has recently issued Type Approval Certificates for the following treatment systems:

- [KURITA BWMS](#) [[TeamTec Senza BWMS](#)] manufactured by Kurita Water Industries, Ltd. (40th type approval)

There have been no new applications for Type Approval have been received by the USCG.

A [current list](#) of approved BWMS and the status of Type Approval applications is maintained by the USCG.



Other

INTERTANKO Conducts Survey on BWM Port Conditions

INTERTANKO has [initiated a survey of their Members](#) to gather details about ports where problems with ballast water management system operation due to port conditions have been experienced. The information gathered via the Member survey will provide details on ports where systems have not operated as intended due to port conditions, along with the water conditions that may have contributed, and the type of BWMS associated with the operational issues. INTERTANKO states that the information will be a useful 'due diligence' tool for their Members trading in certain ports, and offers a global perspective and extent of the issues to support INTERTANKO liaising with authorities. The issue will also be discussed at MEPC 76 where INTERTANKO, Liberia and Intercargo are calling for port States to recognize the problem and a proposed solution to use ballast water exchange.

Ecochlor in the News



Cleanshipping Magazine

Spring 2021 Issue

Article: [Act Now or Face the Consequences](#)

Clean Shipping International talked to [Steve Candito, Ecochlor CEO] leading ballast water management system players to hear their views on testing, the G8 rules and the forthcoming IMO meetings later this year...



Tanker Operator Magazine

April / May Issue

Article: [Coming soon - ballast efficacy tests](#)

New ballast water management systems will need to be subjected to "biological efficacy tests" – basically, checking that they actually work –
Read this article on IMO BWMS Code commissioning testing by Ecochlor's Andrew Marshall, VP of Business Development.



Seatrade Magazine

Spring 2021 Issue

Article: [Evidence ballast water systems operate correctly](#) [page 23]

Marine Link

6 April 2021

Article: [Ecochlor Expands in Southeast Asia](#)

Cyprus Shipping News

2 April 2021

Article: [Ecochlor Ranks 22nd in "Inc. 5000 NYC Metro Regionals" In USA](#)

The Maritime Executive



January / February Issue

Article: [Deadline Keeping: All International Trading Ships will need an Approved BWMS by 2024](#)

Steve Candito is interviewed for a feature on BWMS

WEBINARS, EXHIBITS AND PRESENTATIONS

Press Briefing Webinar: BWMS

14 April 2021 13:00 BST

The event will examine the latest information on regulatory challenges; technologies that offer simple, reliable BWMS solutions for shipowners with changing trade routes; and a study on 'best practices' used by integration engineers for system installations. During the webinar EcoOne™ will be launched; the latest ground-breaking ballast water technology from Ecochlor. Free Registration. To register click [here](#).

Speakers:

Challenges of IMO BWMS Code Commissioning Testing: Guidance for owners

Marcie Merksamer, Vice President, EnviroManagement, Inc.

Introduction to Ecochlor and Product Launch

CEO, Steve Candito

EcoOne™: The Filterless Solution

Andrew Marshall, VP of Business Development

BWMS Integration Engineering: Filter vs. Filterless Installations

Andreas Zontanos, Founder / Manager, Argo Navis Marine Consulting & Engineering



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