

International News

MEPC 76 Meeting Updates

IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) held its 76th session from 10 – 17 June 2021. The majority of submissions related to ballast water were deferred to MEPC 77, tentatively scheduled for 8 – 12 November 2021. Some notable ballast water items the Committee addressed by correspondence prior to the virtual MEPC 76 meeting include:

- Instructed the PPR Subcommittee to consider the document on development of a standardized protocol for verification of Compliance Monitoring Devices (CMDs) (MEPC 76/4/1). The dates for PPR 9 have not been established by IMO.
- Noted the information provided in MEPC 76/4/3 and encouraged Administrations to submit data to the Experience Building Phase, and for other stakeholders with complimentary data to liaise with the World Maritime University for submission of data; and
- Noting information submitted by Administrations regarding BWMS type approvals issued (27 submissions).

ABS has published an [MEPC 76 Brief](#), which also contains relevant updates for non-ballast water topics that were discussed. Many IMO meeting documents are publicly available on the [IMO's website](#). Ecochlor will monitor MEPC 77 developments.

Ballast Water Inspections in Nantong, China

A [media report](#) indicates that the China Maritime Safety Administration in Nantong (MSA Nantong) is implementing random ballast water inspections that include sampling and testing of ballast water for compliance with the D-2 discharge standard. In this report, it is mentioned that the Jiangsu MSA, together with China Customs and related authorities, are stepping up their efforts to ensure ballast water discharged from ships meets the required standards. This enforcement is carried out through a framework for "sampling, rapid testing, laboratory detailed testing and treatment process" of ships' ballast water for compliant discharge. The Jiangsu MSA is also further strengthening exchanges and cooperation with the China Customs' ballast water testing laboratories in line with these efforts and will take into consideration the need to avoid undue delays to ships' schedules, amongst other considerations. Testing is being conducted by Jiangyin Customs Ballast Water Testing Laboratory. If testing determines that ballast water does not meet the discharge standard, owners will be required to choose their disposal methods, as provided by local regulations.

Transport Canada Releases New Ballast Water Regulations

The new [Canadian Ballast Water Regulations](#) mark a transition from the traditional method of ballast water management (the exchange of ballast water in mid-ocean) to the use of modern BWMS. The regulations apply to all Canada's marine environments, including the Great Lakes, which are shared by Canada and the U.S. Canada has taken ongoing U.S. regulatory processes into account while developing the new regulations and envisions increased regulatory compatibility over time.

United States News

U.S. Port State Control Annual Report Analyzes BWMS Non-compliance

The USCG Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance has released the [2020 U.S. Port State Control Annual Report](#). The report notes "...a trend toward greater foreign vessel compliance with ballast water management regulations..." and further, that although the "...number of deficiencies is trending down, Coast Guard enforcement actions taken against non-compliant companies has risen." As shown in this [summary](#), the majority of ballast water deficiencies were related to operable BWMS, and the majority of enforcement actions issued were for illegal discharges of untreated ballast water.

Ballast Water Treatment System Type Approvals

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

- [SeaCURE BWMS](#) manufactured by Evoqua Water Technologies Limited (UK) (43rd type approval)

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

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

Other

Survey on Biofouling

The Global Industry Alliance (GIA) for Marine Biosafety has invited the public to complete a survey to collect information about biofouling, in-water cleaning and out of water cleaning policies and practices.

The results of the survey will be used in a report that the GIA for Marine Biosafety has been commissioned to produce, to identify existing and impending biofouling regulations and standards. The report aims to facilitate compliance and identify regulatory barriers that hamper adoption of new practices and/or technologies related to biofouling prevention and management.

You can complete the survey through the links below:

- Shipowner/operator survey: <https://xenmncm9pzn.typeform.com/to/RRdsjJE>
- In-water cleaning providers survey: <https://xenmncm9pzn.typeform.com/to/z39EOfyk>
- Ports, shipyards and governments survey: <https://xenmncm9pzn.typeform.com/to/flwsFQgy>

The survey will close on 16 July 2021.

Ecochlor in the News

Ballast Water Treatment Technology

Annual 2021

The latest issue of Ballast Water Treatment Technology is now available online. You can read this here: [Riviera - BWTT Digital \(rivieramm.com\)](#)

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Summer 2021

Article: [No-filter BWMS Could Be A Game Changer](#)

Hellenic Shipping News

22 June 2021

Article: [Ecochlor Completes All Land-based and Shipboard Testing for EcoOne™ Filterless BWMS](#)

Marine Link

22 June 2021

Article: [Ecochlor Completes Testing on EcoOne™](#)

Maritime Executive

May 31, 2021

[Ballast Water Treatment Gets Easier with EcoOne™](#)

Interview: The Maritime Executive caught up with Ecochlor CEO Steve Candito for an update on the market and the latest in treatment technology.

Sindh Maritime

15 May 2021

Article: [【专访】Ecochlor——只为提供简单可靠、性价比高的压载水管理系统而生](#)

WEBINARS, EXHIBITS AND PRESENTATIONS

Riviera Maritime Media Tanker Webinar Week

[Shouldn't all tanker owners install inert gas generators?](#)

Date: Thursday 8 July - Time: 14:00-14:45 BST

Speaker: Sören Scheid, Regional Business Development Manager / NanoVapor Brand Manager

Mr. Scheid will be discussing alternatives to IG Systems

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