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International News

IMO BWMS Commissioning Testing Requirement Entry into Force

As a reminder, the IMO's BWMS Commissioning Testing requirement enters into force for all BWMS installations occurring on or after 1 June 2022. Ship owners are strongly encouraged to plan well in advance, and work with their classification society and/or flag administration, to complete this important requirement for installing and commissioning a new BWMS. BWMS Commissioning Testing should be performed in accordance with [BWM.2/Circ.70/Rev.1](#).

MEPC 78 to Discuss Several Important Topics

The 78th Session of IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) will be held remotely from 6 – 10 June 2022. For ballast water, MEPC 78 will consider important topics such as the report on the Experience Building Phase (EBP) and the next steps with respect to the experience gained and potential BWM Convention amendments, temporary storage of grey water and/or treated sewage water in ballast tanks, ship operations at ports with challenging water quality, and finalizing guidelines for re-evaluation of BWMS that have been modified with respect to Guideline 9 Final Approval by the GESAMP-BWWG. The proposed designation of the Mediterranean Sea as an Emission Control Area (ECA) and related amendments to MARPOL Annex VI will also be considered.

Key Changes in Procedures for Port State Control

With Resolution A.1155(32) adopted on 15 December 2021, the IMO released the 2021 Procedures for Port State Control. Key changes include a new paragraph regarding use of electronic record books (ERB) and updating the procedures to reflect the latest Harmonized System of Survey and Certification 2021). A brief summary is located [HERE](#).

Tokyo Annual Port State Control Report Released

The [2021 Tokyo Annual Port State Control Report](#) has been released. The deficiencies for various regulations (BWM Convention, MARPOL, etc.) are described in the report and summarized in Table 7.

United States News

USCG Releases Final Policy Letter on BWMS Testing Methods

On 24 March 2022, the USCG has published its [Final Policy Letter 02-22](#) describing type approval testing methods for BWMS that render organisms non-viable in ballast water.

United States Port State Control Report Released

The United States [2021 Port State Control Report](#) has been released. The report provides comprehensive information on port State control statistics and compliance performance by region and flag administration, as well as information on the deficiencies identified during inspections. The [Maritime Commons Blog](#) has a brief summary of findings.

Recent BWMS USCG Type Approvals

Ballast Water Treatment System Type Approvals – the USCG recently issued type approval to the following BWMS:

- [Purestream BWMS](#) manufactured by Atlantium Technologies – 48th type approval.

EPA VGP Reminder for Ballast Water Compliance Monitoring Requirements for Shipowners

Shipowners are reminded about important ballast water compliance monitoring requirements for the EPA's 2013 Vessel General Permit (VGP):

- If a vessel has a BWMS installed based on UV technology, two (2) samples must be collected and analyzed for biological parameters within the first year of BWMS use / installation. If both monitoring event results show compliance with the microbiological discharge standards, sample collection can be reduced to one (1) time per year. If any annual results show non-compliance, the vessel must collect and analyze two (2) samples that again show compliance before returning to the one (1) time per year schedule.
- If the installed BWMS is based on chemical technology (chlorine dioxide, chlorine, ozone, etc.) three (3) samples must be collected to evaluate the discharge for biocide residuals within the first ten (10) ballast water discharges after BWMS installation, not to exceed 180 days. This is called "Initial Monitoring". After the three (3) initial monitoring events are completed, sampling and analysis for biocide parameters reduces to two (2) monitoring events per year; this is called "Maintenance Monitoring". Note that the biological monitoring requirements described above also apply to chemical-based BWMS.

Other Maritime News

BEMA is Part of IMO Dialogue on Ports with Challenging Waters and BWMS Components Exchange

BEMA is viewing the issue of ports with challenging waters (#PCWQ) as similar to any other scenario where a ship may have non-compliant ballast water. Click [HERE](#) to read the position paper on the topic.

In addition, BEMA will be a part of the IMO's conversations on critical components for ballast water management systems. Read the [Technical Considerations for Exchange of BWMS Components](#).

Please contact Ecochlor at sales@ecochlor.com to learn how the Ecochlor® BWMS can help your vessels achieve and maintain compliance with international ballast water regulations.

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Ecochlor in the News



China Ship Survey

June 2022

An interview of Ecochlor CEO, Andrew Marshall

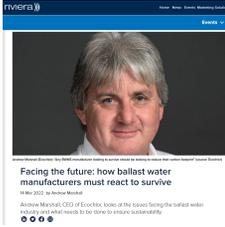
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[Japanese Maritime Daily](#)

May 2022

The Reliability and Simplicity of BWMSs are Key Factors with Shipowners

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Riviera Maritime Media

March 2022

Andrew Marshall, CEO of Ecochlor, looks at the issues facing the ballast water industry and what needs to be done to ensure sustainability

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Tanker Operator

April 2022

You can go filterless with carbon dioxide treatment technology

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