



Ballast Water Management

The IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) tentatively approved an amended implementation scheme for ships to comply with the D-2 biological standard under the BW Management Convention. The scheme, if approved by the Committee on July 7th, will be circulated to Member States for adoption during MEPC 72 scheduled to be held from April 9 -13, 2018.

Under the proposal, ships constructed on or after September 8, 2017 are to comply with the D-2 standard on or after September 8, 2017. Referring to the illustration below, ships constructed before September 8, 2017, are to comply with the D-2 standard at the first MARPOL IOPP renewal survey completed on or after:

- September 8, 2019 (Reg B-3/10.1.1); or
- September 8, 2017, only if a MARPOL IOPP renewal survey is completed on or after September 8, 2014 but prior to September 8, 2017 (Reg B-3/10.1.2).

Otherwise, compliance with the D-2 standard is required second MARPOL IOPP renewal survey after September 8, 2017, only if the first MARPOL IOPP renewal survey after September 8, 2017 is completed prior to September 8, 2019 and a MARPOL IOPP renewal survey was not completed on or after September 8, 2014 but prior to September 8, 2017 (Reg B-3/10.2).

For ships constructed before September 8, 2017 and which are not subject to the MARPOL IOPP renewal survey, compliance with the D-2 standard is required not later than September 8, 2024 (Reg B-3/5).

