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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT
OF SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004**

**Unified interpretation of Appendix I (Form of the International Ballast Water
Management Certificate) of the BWM Convention**

1 The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC), at its seventy-second session (9 to 13 April 2018), approved a unified interpretation of appendix I (Form of the International Ballast Water Management Certificate) of the BWM Convention.

2 MEPC 74 (13 to 17 May 2019) approved the updated unified interpretation with appropriate references to the *Code for Approval of Ballast Water Management Systems* (BWMS Code), as set out in the annex.

3 Member Governments and international organizations are invited to apply the annexed unified interpretation to appendix I of the BWM Convention from 13 October 2019 and bring it to the attention of all parties concerned.

4 This circular revokes BWM.2/Circ.66 from 13 October 2019.

ANNEX

UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF APPENDIX I (FORM OF THE INTERNATIONAL BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE) OF THE BWM CONVENTION

Appendix I – Form of the International Ballast Water Management Certificate

"Date installed" in relation to "Method of ballast water management used"

1 For the purpose of completing the International Ballast Water Management Certificate, the date when commissioning has been completed in accordance with section 8 of the BWMS Code (resolution MEPC.300(72)) should be used.

2 Notwithstanding the above, it should be noted that, with regard to the deadline for installing a ballast water management system, operative paragraph 5 of resolution MEPC.300(72) (*Code for Approval of Ballast Water Management Systems*) is as follows:

"5 RESOLVES that, for the purpose of operative paragraph 4 of this resolution, the word "installed" means the contractual date of delivery of the ballast water management system to the ship. In the absence of such a date, the word "installed" means the actual date of delivery of the ballast water management system to the ship;"

3 Consequently, two dates, i.e. the contractual date of delivery or the actual date of delivery and the date following commissioning and operation, may exist in relation to installing a ballast water management system.
