

RESOLUTION MEPC.299(72)
(adopted on 13 April 2018)

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

Amendments to regulations E-1 and E-5

**(Endorsements of additional surveys on the
International Ballast Water Management Certificate)**

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 38(a) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Marine Environment Protection Committee conferred upon it by international conventions for the prevention and control of marine pollution from ships,

NOTING article 19 of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (the BWM Convention), which specifies the amendment procedure and confers upon the Marine Environment Protection Committee of the Organization the function of considering amendments thereto for adoption by the Parties,

HAVING CONSIDERED, at its seventy-second session, proposed amendments to regulations E-1 and E-5 of the BWM Convention concerning endorsements of additional surveys on the International Ballast Water Management Certificate,

1 ADOPTS, in accordance with article 19(2)(c) of the BWM Convention, amendments to regulations E-1 and E-5, the text of which is set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2 DETERMINES, in accordance with article 19(2)(e)(ii) of the BWM Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 13 April 2019 unless, prior to that date, more than one third of the Parties have notified the Secretary-General that they object to the amendments;

3 INVITES the Parties to note that, in accordance with article 19(2)(f)(ii) of the BWM Convention, the said amendments shall enter into force on 13 October 2019 upon their acceptance in accordance with paragraph 2 above;

4 INVITES FURTHER the Parties to consider the application of the aforesaid amendments to the BWM Convention as soon as possible to ships entitled to fly their flag;

5 REQUESTS the Secretary-General, for the purposes of article 19(2)(d) of the BWM Convention, to transmit certified copies of the present resolution and the text of the amendments contained in the annex to all Parties to the BWM Convention;

6 REQUESTS ALSO the Secretary-General to transmit copies of the present resolution and its annex to Members of the Organization which are not Parties to the BWM Convention;

7 REQUESTS FURTHER the Secretary-General to prepare a consolidated certified text of the BWM Convention.

ANNEX

AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEX TO THE BWM CONVENTION

(Endorsements of additional surveys on the International Ballast Water Management Certificate)

Section E – Survey and certification requirements for ballast water management

Regulation E-1 – Surveys

1 In paragraph 1.5, the last sentence "Such surveys shall be endorsed on the Certificate issued under regulation E-2 and E-3" is deleted.

Regulation E-5 – Duration and validity of the Certificate

2 In the chapeau of paragraph 8, the words "annual survey" are replaced by "annual or intermediate survey".

3 In paragraph 8.3, the words "annual surveys" are replaced by "annual or intermediate surveys".

4 The existing paragraph 9.1 is deleted and the existing paragraphs 9.2 to 9.4 are renumbered as paragraphs 9.1 to 9.3, respectively.