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Subject: Issuance of Statement of Compliance (SoC) to Bangladesh Flag vessels with the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ship's Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004

1.1. The International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (commonly referred to as the Ballast Water Management Convention), was adopted on 13 February, 2004. The entry into force requirements were met on 08 September 2016, therefore the Convention will enter into force on 08 September, 2017.

1.2. This Circular provides information on the application dates for provisions of the Convention to allow owners to plan for implementation on Bangladesh Flag vessels over 400 GT and engaged in international voyages.

2. Ballast Water Management Convention requirements.

2.1. The Convention requires ships to have the following documents upon entry into force:

- i. Approved ballast water management plan (Regulation B-1);
- ii. Ballast water record book (Regulation B-2);
- iii. An International Ballast Water Management Certificate (issued after survey under Regulation E-1).

2.2. The Convention also requires ships to be fitted with an approved ballast water treatment system, which meets the discharge standard specified in Regulation D-2, by the dates specified in Regulation B-3.

2.2.1. The IMO Assembly therefore issued Resolution A. 1088(28) in late 2013 which introduced altered implementation dates.

2.2.2. Ships to which the Convention applies, with a keel laying date before 08 September 2017, are required to comply with the discharge standard specified in Regulation D-2 of the Convention by the first IOPP renewal survey after 08 September 2017.

2.2.3. Ships to which the Convention applies, with a keel laying date on or after 08 September 2017, are required to comply with the discharge standard specified in Regulation D-2 of the Convention on delivery.

2.3. Regulation D-1 (ballast water exchange) applies to all ships to which the Convention applies from 08 September 2017.

2.4. This administration authorizes Recognised Organisations (RO), acting on behalf of the Bangladesh flag administration for survey and certification, to carry out survey for compliance with the Convention and issuance of Ballast Water Management Statement of Compliance. All Bangladesh Flag vessels for which this convention applies should complete the survey and hold this Statement of Compliance prior to the convention enter into Force i.e, 08 September 2017.

2.5. When the Convention has entered into force and has been ratified by The Bangladesh Government, any Statements of Compliance issued to Bangladeshi flag vessels by Recognised Organisations shall need to be