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Subject : Collection of Data from Indian Ships and Foreign Ships Visiting Indian Ports for Ballast Water Convention Experience Building Phase

1. Whereas the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (BWM Convention) entered into force globally on 8 September 2017.
2. Whereas India is still to ratify the Convention, however the Indian Ships plying internationally are required to comply with the same to prevent detentions in accordance with the "No Favorable Treatment" clause of all IMO Conventions.
3. Whereas the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC), at its seventy-first session adopted resolution MEPC.290 (71), establishing the experience-building phase associated with the BWM Convention, to allow the Marine Environment Protection Committee to monitor and improve the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004.
4. Noting that in last few years, since the implementation of the Convention the Directorate has received a number of request from Indian Owners for dispensation from using Ballast Water Management System due to mechanical and electrical problems faced during operation of the equipment.
5. Noting further serious discussions being undertaken at IMO Marine Environmental Protection Committee related to ports with challenging water quality, amendments in Ballast Water record book and issues related to interpretation of various Regulations of the BWM Convention.
6. Also noting that India has taken an active participation in the MEPC Committee of IMO with submission of at-least 3 papers at last 78th session related to ballast water record book, ports with challenging water quality, storage of sewage in ballast watertanks and experience building phase.
7. Taking all the above into consideration, it has been decided that data shall be collected from Indian ships and foreign ships visiting Indian ports in order identify and raise further concerns in relation to the Ballast Water Convention at IMO.
8. All Indian ships are required to assess Swacch Sagar Portal digitally and complete the data related to Ballast Water and its management on each arrival and departure from any port worldwide including Indian Ports.
9. The data can be completed once in 15 days. All foreign ships are required to complete the same at each arrival and departure from Indian ports. Non completion may delay the ship due to Port State Interventions.
10. The user manual for uploading the data is attached to this Circular.
11. This is issued with the approval of Director General of Shipping & Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India.
12. This order comes into effect from date of issue.

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All stakeholders through DGS Website.