

**CIRCULAR: ID-O/PM/05/2017**

**Dated: 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**To: All Shipping Lines, Shipping Agents, Vessel Owners & Vessel Masters**

**Subject: Enforcement Of Ballast Water Management Convention (BWC)**

The purpose of this circular is to inform all concerned/ interested parties that International Maritime Organization (IMO) have developed and adopted The International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships Ballast Water and Sediments 2004 with the aim of protecting the marine environment from the transfer of harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water carried by ship. The convention will enter into force on **September 08<sup>th</sup> 2017**. Ship will be required to manage their ballast water to remove render harmless, or avoid the uptake or pathogens within ballast water and sediments.

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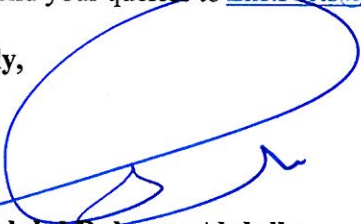
Vessels Calling Dubai Ports Shall Strictly Comply With Below Requirements;

1. BWC Regulations as Amended.
2. EHS Regulations as Amended.
3. Safety and Environmental Protection Requirements as Stipulated in EHS Circular EHS/PM/09/2009 dated 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009.
4. EHS Officers may sample or require samples to analyze ballast water and sediment, before or during ballast water discharge in harbour waters. In the event that the ballast water is not suitable for discharge into the port, then appropriate control shall be implemented as instructed by Dubai Port Authority.
5. The Vessels intending to discharge ballast water in Dubai Ports must send a copy of the Ballast Water Reporting Form provided in the IMO resolution A.868 (20) signed by Vessel Master to Dubai Port Authority 24 Hrs prior entry to the port via Email through Vessels Agent to [Ehs.Ports@trk.pcfc.ae](mailto:Ehs.Ports@trk.pcfc.ae)

Any contravention of these above mentioned requirements may result in appropriate sanction which may also include imposition of fines against the violator.

Please send your queries to [Ehs.Ports@trk.pcfc.ae](mailto:Ehs.Ports@trk.pcfc.ae) , if you require any further clarifications.

Sincerely,



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