

# Technical Notice

## TD **10136/2020**

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### SUBJECT:

## **Application of Ballast Water Treatment Systems performance standards**

Further to INSB Class Technical Notice [TD 10077/2020](#) which outlined the Resolution MEPC.300(72): Ballast water management system (BWMS), we remind you that such systems to be installed on or after **28 October 2020** must be approved in accordance with the IMO Code for Approval of Ballast Water Management Systems (BWMS Code), as required by BWM Convention Regulation D-3 and the BWMS Code (IMO Res. MEPC.300(72)).

Noting that BWMS approved in accordance with the 2016 Guidelines (G8) adopted by resolution MEPC.279(70) are deemed to be in accordance with the BWMS Code.

In cases where BWTS installation drawings have been approved by INSB Class based on an IMO Type Approval Certificate in accordance with IMO Res. MEPC 174(58), issued by a Flag State Administration (FSA), the system should be installed before 28 October 2020.

Such BWTS would have been type approved prior to 28 October 2018, taking into account IMO G8 guidelines (IMO Res. MEPC.174(58)).

If installation can only take place after **28 October 2020**, owners will need to arrange for installation of a system having an IMO Type Approval Certificate in accordance with the BWMS Code (IMO Res. MEPC.300(72)). This may necessitate the purchasing of upgrade kits, or a new system, and reapproval of BWTS installation drawings.

**Note:** *The word "installed" means the contractual date of delivery of the BWTS/BWMS to the ship. In the absence of such a date, the word "installed" means the actual date of delivery of the BWTS/BWMS to the ship.*

If owners are unsure to which performance standard their proposed system is approved, or are unsure about the contractual delivery date of any planned BWTS/BWMS installation, they should contact the vessel's Flag Administration and the system manufacturer for more information.

In cases where original installation dates cannot be met and changes may occur to the proposed system design, owners should contact INSB to determine which documents/drawings may need to be submitted for approval.