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

**Unified interpretation of Appendix I (Form of the International Ballast Water
Management Certificate) of the BWM Convention**

1 The Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC), at its seventy-second session (9 to 13 April 2018), considered and approved the unified interpretation of appendix I (Form of the International Ballast Water Management Certificate) of the BWM Convention, as set out in the annex.

2 Member Governments and international organizations are invited to apply the annexed unified interpretation to appendix I of the BWM Convention and bring it to the attention of all parties concerned.

ANNEX

UNIFIED INTERPRETATION OF APPENDIX I (FORM OF THE INTERNATIONAL BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE) OF THE BWM CONVENTION

Appendix I – Form of the International Ballast Water Management Certificate

"Date installed" in relation to "Method of ballast water management used"

1 For the purpose of completing the International Ballast Water Management Certificate, the date when commissioning has been completed in accordance with section 8 of the Guidelines (G8) (MEPC.174(58) or MEPC.279(70), as applicable) should be used.

2 Notwithstanding the above, it should be noted that, with regard to the deadline for installing a ballast water management system, operative paragraph 6 of resolution MEPC.279(70) (*2016 Guidelines for approval of ballast water management systems (G8)*) is as follows:

"6 AGREES that, for the purpose of operative paragraphs 4 and 5 of this resolution, the word 'installed' means the contractual date of delivery of the ballast water management system to the ship. In the absence of such a date, the word 'installed' means the actual date of delivery of the ballast water management system to the ship;"

3 Consequently, two dates, i.e. the contractual date of delivery or the actual date of delivery, and the date following commissioning and operation, may exist in relation to installing a ballast water management system.
