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Subject: IMO e-Learning Course – Introduction to Ballast Water Management and Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement.

Reference: (a) [Circular Letter No.4889, Dated 26 June 2024.](#)
(b) International Convention for the Control and Management of Ship's Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (BWM Convention)

To: Shipowners/Operators/Recognized Organizations/Masters:

Purpose

The purpose of this Marine Advisory is to inform about the launching of an e-learning course entitled "Introduction to Ballast Water Management and Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement", which has been developed by IMO in collaboration with the World Maritime University (WMU).

Background

IMO e-Learning course – plays an important role in the IMO's efforts to support the implementation of international maritime standards and build the capacities of IMO Member States to effectively enforce IMO instruments.

Introduction to Ballast Water Management and Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement:

The course is designed to address the key aspects of ballast water management, including background information on invasive aquatic species and ballast water management, the contents and provisions of the Ballast Water Management Convention, and the components of an effective system for compliance monitoring and enforcement. The course is open to anyone interested in IMO's regulatory framework for ballast water management, the free online course is currently available in English. Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be able to download and print a certificate of completion.

Integrated Technical Cooperation Program (ITCP)

This course will be hosted on the new IMO Learning Management System (LMS) platform that can be accessed through the IMO website or using the following URL <https://lms.imo.org/moodle310/>

Creating an Account and Logging In:

Please note that in order to access the IMO LMS an IMO web account is required.

To create a public account, go to: IMO Web Accounts (for Registrations)

To Log In, go to: [IMO e-Learning](#), follow the prompts using your registered email address. Click here for a [guide on how to register](#) to the IMO LMS and access the available courses.

The Liberian Administration encourages all interested parties and Recognized Organizations to access and undertake the valuable course for Introduction to Ballast Water Management and Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement.

Questions regarding this guidance should be referred to RegsandStandards@liscr.com or telephone +1-703-790-3434.

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