

Circular From NOE**Date: 20 September 2016****Ballast Water Management Convention:
Enters into Force in 2017**

Finland's ratification of the Ballast Water Management Convention means it will enter into force on 8 September 2017.

The International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments - more commonly known as the Ballast Water Management (BWM) Convention - was adopted by IMO in 2004. It requires all ships trading internationally to manage their ballast water and sediments to certain standards and maintain a ship-specific ballast water management plan.

The convention stipulates that it will enter into force 12 months after ratification by a minimum of 30 States, representing 35% of world merchant shipping tonnage. This requirement was met when Finland ratified the convention on 8 September 2016.

Further details can be found on IMO's website
here: <http://www.imo.org/en/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/22-BWM-.aspx>

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