

Ref : DMA/AIFI/97/C 984  
Date: 15/01/2019

---"VERY IMPORTANT"---

Dear Captain  
Good Day,

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Please note despite our repeated instructions and as required by Ballast water Management Convention to carry out proper ballast water exchange prior to arrival various ports including home ports, recently in the samples taken by MARPOL inspectors in B. Abbas from one of the fleet vessels (coming from Indian ports), presence of "Vibrio Cholera" was detected, suggesting that vessel had not done proper ballast exchange. Based on the result of the samples taken, vessel had to proceed to sea to exchange her ballast water and this caused her severe commercial delay.

To avoid recurrence of such incidents, once again the DA-11 no. DMA/AIFI/95/C 704 dated 31/08/2016 and Ref : DMA/AIFI/95/C 695 dated: 31/07/2016 are hereby repeated and our esteemed masters are urged to closely and strictly follow the relevant national and international ballast water management requirements. Needless to mention that vessel's delay due to such incidents can result in disciplinary actions taken against relevant responsible officers.

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Further to below DA-11, please note a circular letter (Ref. 95/S/19397, dated: 1395/6/9 (30/Aug/2016)) has been received from P.M.O. (I.R.Iran Flag administration), announcing their additional requirements with regards to Ballast Water and Fresh Water on board vessels.

As you are well aware, the requirement of Ballast Water Management is to exchange the ballast water at distances more than 200 N.M. from the nearest land and in waters of more than 200 meters in depth. This stands for ROPME area as well (The ROPME area map is attached).

Additionally P.M.O. has declared the below:

" During the present year, considering the possibility of "Vibrio Cholera"

contaminating local Iranian waters through the ballast water of vessels coming from some countries such as Iraq, Kuwait, India and some African countries, some precautionary measures were co-ordinated with the I.R. Iran Health Ministry. It is essential that these precautions to be carried out routinely and without imposing undue delay to the vessels commercial operations (activities)."

These measures are:

1- All vessels which have taken ballast in ports in Iraq, Kuwait and inside the Persian Gulf area and calling any Iranian ports shall exchange their ballast en-route and at least 50 N.M. away from Iranian coast.

2-Vessels coming to all Iranian ports from Iraq, Kuwait, India and some African countries shall be subject to inspection before entering Iranian ports or anchorage's. Samples shall be taken from their Ballast water and Fresh water in tanks.

3- In case of any contamination by microbes, the subject vessel shall not be allowed to enter Iranian waters and must proceed outside of Iranian waters and exchange her Ballast Water. Samples shall be taken of the new ballast water again.

This DA-11 shall supplement the below DA-11, namely the requirements of both these DA-11 shall be strictly followed.

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Date: 31/07/2016

Please note as per latest available info and attached file, there are "Ballast Water Exchange requirements" in the below mentioned countries /

Regions:

1: National requirements

1.1 Argentina

1.2 Argentina - Buenos Aires

1.3 Australia

1.4 Australia – State of Victoria

1.5 Brazil (NORMAM)

1.6 Canada

1.7 Chile

1.8 Georgia

1.9 Israel

1.10 Korea (South)

- 1.11 Lithuania – Butinge oil terminal, Klaipeda
- 1.12 New Zealand
- 1.13 Norway
- 1.14 Panama
- 1.15 Peru
- 1.16 United Kingdom
- 1.17 United States (US)

## 2. Regional ballast water requirements

- 2.1 Mediterranean Sea
- 2.2 Persian Gulf & Gulf of Oman area (ROPME)
- 2.3 North East Atlantic and the Baltic Sea
- 2.4 Antarctic

In this regard pls consider following forms, files and books :

- 1- Check List & Form File: T/SMD/059/BWHN// Ballast Water Handling Narrative
- 2- Ballast Water Management Plan (BWMP)
- 3- Ship's Manual Part 3 Sec.7
- 4- List Of Company Reference Books (BWM Convention and BWMS code with guidelines for implementation edition 2018)
- 5- Voyage Plan (P.2, Box 4)
- 8- Resolution A.868(20) (Guidelines for the control and management of ships' ballast water to minimize the transfer of harmful aquatic organisms and pathogens.)
- 9- MEPC 59/INF.3

and (DA-11 e-mail Ref: DMA/AIFI/94/C 623, Date: 02/01/2016, PMO Sanitary notice 2), with the following content:

All vessels arriving from Iraqi ports to Iranian ports, should change their water ballast within 50 miles off Iran's Coast line.

All the above mentioned vessels shall be subject to sampling and lab test of their Ballast water, before being allowed to berth.

In this regard it is to be noted that PMO has recently added the same requirement for vessels arriving from Kuwaiti ports as well.

The below points are emphasized:

AA)) Non-compliance with the Ballast Water Exchange requirements or lack of proper evidence / records / documents can cause penalties / delays be imposed on the vessel.

BB)) Ballast Water exchange shall be properly carried out and proper evidence & record shall be maintained.

CC)) The obligation for change of ballast water shall not over ride their responsibility towards the safety of the own ship or personnel and cargo, but the vessel's Master shall justify the same with the evidence to be provided to the concerned port authorities.

DD)) All mandatory rules and regulations in this regard shall be complied with, so the master shall ensure they are complied with and properly recorded / documented.

EE)) Masters shall seek clarification from the vessel's SM-Dept. or DMA if there is any doubt.

You are requested to confirm receipt, discuss the contents in the next consolidated meeting on board & keep a copy in the file DA-11 .

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Best Regards,  
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