



Approval of BWMS using Active Substances

Notice to: Ship Owners/ Managers/ Operators/ Surveyors/ Auditors

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This Circular is issued to advise that the IMO have issued a Circular – [BWM.2/Circ34/Rev.13](#), on the 24th October 2024.

The circular supersedes BWM.2/Circ.34/Rev.12, and lists in Annex those ballast water management systems that use Active Substances and have received Basic and Final Approval.

An active substance is a substance or organism, including a virus or a fungus, that has a general or specific action on or against harmful aquatic organisms and pathogens.

Information regarding the systems that received type approval certification can be found on the IMO website at <https://www.imo.org/en/OurWork/Environment/Pages/BWMTechnologies.aspx>.

Act now

All Ship Owners/ Managers/ Operators/ Surveyors/ Auditors should take note of the contents of the Circular and be guided accordingly.