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**TO: SHIP AGENTS**

**SUBJECT: BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS  
FOR SHIPS OPERATING IN JAMAICAN WATERS**

**REFERENCES:**

1. The International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships Ballast Water & Sediments, 2004.
2. Guidelines for the control and management of ships ballast water to minimize the transfer of Harmful Aquatic Organisms and Pathogens - IMO Resolution A. 868 (20).
3. Guidelines for Ballast Water Exchange - IMO Resolution MEPC 124 (5).

**APPLICATION:**

As at **August 31, 2012** all ships which trade between Jamaica and the Republic of Cuba and the Republic of Haiti respectively are required to comply with the following measures when intending to operate in Jamaican waters:

1. Undertake Ballast Water Exchange in accordance with the relevant IMO Guidelines at least 50 nautical miles from the coast of Jamaica and in water at least 200 metres in depth.
2. Have available for inspection a completed Ballast Water Reporting Management Form.

The above mentioned IMO Guidelines and recommended Ballast Water Reporting Form may be found on the Maritime Authority's website.



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