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"CIRCULAR TO ALL P&I CLUBS"

Subject: Ballast Water Managements System – Meeting the requirements of D-2 standards
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Dear Sirs,

The Ministry of Transportation and Urbanization of Türkiye has issued and distributed a letter on 20 September 2024 wherein it is mainly stated that:-

- The Ballast Water Management Convention came into force on 08 September 2017 and all vessels subject to this convention are required to meet the D-2 standards by 08 September 2024
- However, it has been detected that the foreign flagged vessels calling Turkish Ports do not meet the D-2 standards which revealed the necessity to assess the situation accordingly. Thus, the implementations to the vessels calling Turkish Ports which do not meet the D-2 standards will be as follow:-
 - 1- Before giving clearance to vessels on arrival, it will be checked from the documents uploaded to Port Management Information System as to whether the vessel has Ballast Water Treatment System on board and International Ballast Water Management Certificate has been issued in line with D-2 Standard.
 - 2- If it is detected during the documental examination that the vessels do not meet D-2 standard, a Port State Control will be carried out on board regardless of the inspection interval under the relevant Memorandum. Following the inspection, the vessel will be permitted to proceed her voyage after receiving the shipyard's acceptance letter for installation the BWM system or the flag state's letter for vessel to resume her voyage. The vessels do not ensure the compliance with the Convention will not be allowed to re-enter Turkish Port unless they meet the requirements of D-2 standards.

For container/Ro-Ro vessels calling Turkish ports with liner voyages, there will be no restrictions for a period of 2 months from the date of the Ministry's letter.

Submitted for your kind info.

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