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Shipping Guidance Notice – 007

To: Ship Owners, Operators, Masters, Officers and Classification Societies

Ballast Water Management Plans (BWMP's)

IMO, by Resolution A.868 (20) adopted guidelines for the control and Management of ship's ballast water.

Compliance with the guidelines is not, at present, legally required until a sufficient representative of world tonnage has ratified the Resolution.

Flag states are however entitled to impose additional requirements on ships over and above the guidelines but before doing so need to inform other Flag States of their intentions.

In this respect the Brazilian Maritime Authority introduced national legislation with regard to Ballast Water Management which was due to come into force on 15 October 2005, which required amongst other things, ships to carry approved Ballast Water Management Plans (BWMP's)

However, with the realization that some ships have experienced difficulty in having BWMP's approved by Flag State Administrations or recognized Classification Societies the enforcement date, by the Brazilian Maritime Authorities, has been postponed until 30 June 2006.

Until 30 June 2006 the Brazilian Maritime Authorities will accept a BWMP approved by the ship owner, which must be carried on board.

After that date an approved BWMP must be carried on board.

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All notices of all categories will be posted on the Department of Shipping's website which is currently under construction. In the near future access will be available through www.gibmaritime.com The Department of Shipping will also be introducing a restricted area (accessed through a password) for its clients.

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