



IBWM Convention, D-2 Standard, Deadline for Barbados flagged vessels

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

As advised under our [Circular URC24003 – International Ballast Water Management Convention, D-2 Standard](#), the deadline for compliance with the D-2 standard (installation of Ballast Water Management System) is **08 September 2024**. We also noted that several Flag Administrations have already warned that no extensions will be granted beyond this final date.

Some Flag States have issued further guidance and are taking a very strict approach to this, notably the Barbados Maritime Ship Registry (BMSR) which has advised that:

- They shall not issue any further extensions to vessels that have already been issued an extension of more than twelve (12) months.
- Any requests for an extension will be limited to three (3) months, after which the vessel will immediately be deleted from the Registry if a BWMS has not been installed onboard.
- To avoid any problems with PSC authorities, the BMSR has set a deadline of **08 August 2024** for vessels under their flag to comply with the D-2 Standard. Any vessel not meeting this deadline will be deleted from the Registry. There will be no exceptions.

Act now

Ship Owners/Managers of vessels to which the IBWM Convention applies are urged to take note of the above and ensure compliance on time, irrespective of the Flag of the vessel.

Surveyors/Auditors when attending onboard should determine the status of the vessel's compliance with the D-2 standard, and where appropriate, remind all concerned of the need for timely action.