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To: Owners/Operators, Masters, Nautical Inspectors, Recognized Organizations

Subject: JOINT CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN ON BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT

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The Member Authorities of the Tokyo and the Paris Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) on Port State control (PSC) will launch a joint Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) from 1 September 2025 until 30 November 2025 on the implementation of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (BWM Convention).

The Tokyo and Paris MoUs have published a [press release](#) providing information on the areas of the BWM Convention that will be examined and possible actions taken during the CIC, which will be conducted in conjunction with regular PSC inspections. Questions will be focused on the material aspects of the Ballast Water Management System (BWMS) (e.g., installation and approvals), operational matters (e.g., discharge of ballast water and the operation of relevant systems), entries recorded in the Ballast Water Record Book (BWRB), and ballast water sediment management. A vessel will be subject to only one inspection during the period of the CIC.

All Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)-flagged vessels calling into ports in the waters of the member States of the Tokyo MOU and the Paris MoU should be prepared for the CIC to prevent deficiencies or detentions. Prior to the commencement of the CIC, Masters and Chief Engineers should ensure the proper operation of the BWMS on board, and work to remedy any outstanding issues with their Company Designated Person Ashore. In addition, crew familiarization and training should be conducted and logged in anticipation of the CIC.

The RMI Maritime Administrator reminds RMI-flagged vessels that compliance is not only a BWMS being fully operational, but also includes the ability of crewmembers to demonstrate familiarity with the BWMS on board, use of appropriate codes in the BWRB (refer to guidance provided under International Maritime Organization Circular [BWM.2/Circ.80/Rev.1](#)), and that ballast water and sediments are being managed in accordance with the Ballast Water Management Plan.

This MSA is evaluated annually by the Administrator and expires one year after its issuance or renewal unless otherwise noted, superseded, or revoked.