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Introduction:

1. Whereas, the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (BWM Convention), entered into force globally on 8.9.2017. This Convention applies to ships registered under contracting Parties to the BWM Convention, which use ballast water during international voyages.
2. Whereas, India is still not a party to the Convention, yet Indian ships making international voyages can be inspected by port States which are Parties to the BWM Convention and such ships will have to comply with the requirements of the Convention, as no more favorable treatment is given to these ships.
3. Noting that many Indian ships shall be making International voyages to ports of countries which have ratified the Convention, the Directorate issued Engineering Circular 02 of 2016 dated 06.12.2016 and Addendum to Engineering Circular 02 A of 2016 dated 08.08.2017 detailing the implementation date for ships on International Voyages, permitting issuance of Statement of Compliance (SOC) to Ballast Water Convention by Recognized Organization on behalf of Government of India (GOI) and requirements to be followed for issuance of such Statement.
4. Whereas, Resolution MEPC 296(72) dated 13 April 2018 was adopted at the 72nd session of Marine Environmental Protection Committee of International Maritime Organization. The Said Resolution amended Regulation A-1 and D-3 of the Ballast Water Management Convention in accordance with the Article 19(2) (c) of the BWM Convention. The said amendments entered into force on 13 October 2019 in accordance with article 19(2) (e) (ii) article and 19(2) (f) (ii) of the BWM Convention.
5. Whereas under Regulation A-1, a new Paragraph 8 has been added defining the Ballast Water Management Code as "*BWMS Code means the Code for Approval of Ballast Water Management Systems adopted by resolution MEPC.300 (72), as may be amended by the Organization, provided that such amendments are adopted and brought into force in accordance with article 19 of the present Convention relating to amendment procedures applicable to the Annex*".
6. Whereas Paragraph 1 of Regulation D-3 (*Approval requirements for ballast water management systems*) has been replaced with the following:

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