RESOLUTION MEPC.228(65)
Adopted on 17 May 2013

INFORMATION REPORTING ON TYPE APPROVED BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 38(a) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Marine Environment Protection Committee conferred upon it by the international conventions for the prevention and control of marine pollution,

RECALLING ALSO that the International Conference on Ballast Water Management for Ships held in February 2004 adopted the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships’ Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (the Ballast Water Management Convention) together with four Conference resolutions,

RECALLING FURTHER that, on entry into force, the Ballast Water Management Convention will require ships to install ballast water management systems, which meet the D-2 standard stipulated therein,

RECOGNIZING that the collection and dissemination of accurate information on type-approved ballast water management systems (BWMS) will be beneficial for all interested stakeholders,

NOTING resolution MEPC.175(58) by which the Committee adopted the Information reporting on type-approved ballast water management systems,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendation made by the Sub-Committee on Bulk Liquids and Gases at its seventeenth session, on the need to revise resolution MEPC.175(58),

1. INVITES Member States, when approving a ballast water management system in accordance with the Guidelines for approval of ballast water management systems (G8), to report the following information to the Organization:

   .1 approval date;
   .2 name of the Administration;
   .3 name of the BWMS;
   .4 a copy of the Type Approval Certificate and any appendices which includes details on all imposed limiting conditions on the operation of the BWMS in accordance with paragraph 6.1 of the Guidelines for approval of ballast water management systems (G8) (resolution MEPC.174(58)) as follows: Such limiting conditions to include any applicable environmental conditions (e.g. salinity, UV transmittance, temperature, etc.) and/or system operational parameters (e.g. min/max pressure, pressure differentials, min/max Total Residual Oxidants (TRO), etc.);
an annex to the Type Approval Certificate which contains the test results of each land-based and shipboard test run. Such test results shall include at least the numerical salinity, temperature, flow rates, and where appropriate UV transmittance. In addition, these test results shall include all other relevant variables;

the protocol according to which testing was undertaken, including details on:

whether ambient, cultured or a mixture of test organisms have been used (including a species-level identification for cultured organisms, and an identification to the lowest possible taxonomic level for ambient organisms);

the shipboard test protocol including the operating parameters of the system during successful treatment operations, for example dosage rates, UV intensity and electrical current applied;

energy consumption of the BWMS under normal or tested Treatment Rated Capacity (TRC), if available;

the full test report of the land-based test including all unsuccessful, failed and invalid tests;

the full test report of the shipboard test including all unsuccessful, failed and invalid tests, and detailed information of the test set up and actual flow rate at each test cycle;

QA/QC documentation of the testing facility or body; and

national accreditation of the test facility, if appropriate;

a description of the Active Substance(s), if employed; and

identification of the specific MEPC report and paragraph number granting Final Approval in accordance with the Procedure for approval of ballast water management systems that make use of Active Substances (G9), adopted by resolution MEPC.169(57);

2. INSTRUCTS the Secretariat to make such information available by an appropriate means;

3. REVOKES resolution MEPC.175(58).