

ANNEX 7

DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS A-1 AND B-2 OF THE BWM CONVENTION

- 1 In regulation A-1, a new paragraph 9 is inserted after paragraph 8, as follows:

"9 Electronic record book means a device or system, approved by the Administration, used to electronically record the entries for each ballast water operation as required under this Convention in lieu of a hard copy record book."

- 2 Regulation B-2.1 is amended as follows:

"1 Each ship shall have on board a Ballast Water Record Book, which may be an electronic record ~~system~~ book, or which may be integrated into another record book or system, and which shall at least contain the information specified in Appendix II. Electronic record books shall be approved by the Administration taking into account the guidelines to be developed by the Organization."

- 3 Regulation B-2.5 is amended as follows:

"5 Each operation concerning ballast water shall be fully recorded without delay in the Ballast Water Record Book. Each entry shall be signed by the officer in charge of the operation concerned and each completed page shall be signed by the master or in the case of a group of electronic entries shall be verified by the master in a timely manner. The entries in the Ballast Water Record Book shall be in a working language of the ship. If that language is not English, French or Spanish the entries shall contain a translation into one of those languages. When entries in an official national language of the State whose flag the ship is entitled to fly are also used, these shall prevail in case of a dispute or discrepancy."
