



Singapore Shipping Association

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To: All SSA Ordinary Members

SSA SURVEY ON BALLAST WATER CONVENTION 2004

At the 60th Session of the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 60) held in London from 22 to 26 March 2010, it was noted that the Ballast Water Convention 2004 has been ratified by **22** countries representing **22.65%** of world tonnage, with Brazil stating that it will ratify the Convention in the near future - this is against an entry into force criteria of 30 countries representing 35% of the world tonnage.

In view of the progress made at MEPC 60, there are indications that the entry-into-force requirements for the Convention may soon be met.

Nonetheless, whilst there are a number of IMO-approved ballast water treatment systems available, there remain concerns that these systems are not necessarily operationally effective for all types and sizes of ships. Furthermore, there have also been concerns that the installation of a ballast water treatment systems might have unintended consequences with regard to a vessel's energy efficiency.

In view of these concerns, members are invited to complete an online SSA Survey on the Ballast Water Convention by Friday, 30 April 2010.

The questionnaire can be found online at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/D2JR69B>

Members are further requested to note that any answers received after 30 April 2010 will not be collated.

Best regards,

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