

Circular 263/2022

To: Vessel Owners, Managers, Masters, Officers, Deputy Registrars, and Other Interested Parties.

Subject: Approval of Ballast Water Management Systems for Cook Islands-flagged vessels - Reminder

Date: 3rd March 2022

Summary

Maritime Cook Islands (MCI) would like to remind all interested parties that [MCI Circular 221/2020](#) issued on January 2020 requires that every Ballast Water Management System (BWMS) to be installed onboard of Cook Islands-flagged vessel, shall be issued with a Type Approval according to below schedule:

- **Type Approval issued by MCI:** Manufacturers shall submit the type approval request to one of the Cook Islands IACS Recognized Organization (list can be found on the MCI website, <https://www.maritimecookislands.com/maritime-cook-islands/survey-and-certification/recognised-organizations/>), that at the end of the approval process will issue a Type Approval Certificate of BWMS on behalf of the Cook Islands Administration.
- **Type Approval issued by another Administration,** under Res. MEPC.279(70) – G8 – or MEPC. 300(72) – BWMS Code: Manufacturers shall submit a copy of the Type Approval Certificate together with a type-approval report according to Part 7.2 of the Annex of either Guidelines G8 or BWMS Code, whichever is applicable. MCI will issue a Type Approval Certificate on a case-by-case basis, based on the approval already carried out by the other Administration, with the same validity of the certificate the approval was based on.

Owners and Managers of vessels with an installed BWMS are kindly invited to send to the Technical Department, technical@maritimecookislands.com, a copy of the BWMS Type Approval certificate.