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To : All Owners / Managers / Operators / Agents / Deputy Registrars /Recognized organizations certifying vessels on behalf of the Togolese Administration

**Subject : I.O.P.P. Renewal survey prior entry into force of the International Convention for the control and Management of ship's Ballast Water and Management Sediment, 2004 (BWMC ) .**

Dear Sirs,

Taking into consideration the above subject convention will enter into force on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017 , and in order to provide reasonable time for all Togolese vessels to implement and meet the requirements of the said convention , this administration has decided the following :

- 1- The de-harmonization of the IOPP survey enabling the Recognized Organizations by the Togolese administration to perform the renewal survey of the IOPP before the due date of the renewal survey.
- 2- All societies/Recognized Organization should apply to this administration via email to [tech@togoregistrar.com](mailto:tech@togoregistrar.com) & [reg@togoregistrar.com](mailto:reg@togoregistrar.com) submitting the attached application for surveys as per usual procedures and will be able to perform the renewal survey only after this administration approves their request /application .
- 3- Upon completion of the Renewal IOPP Survey and reviewing the relative reports, the Recognized Organization shall issue a new certificate having as validity 5 years, a copy of which should be submitted to this administration as per the usual procedures.
- 4- Ship owner's / operators and Recognized Organizations are requested to re-harmonized the IOPP surveys and IOPP certificate into the Harmonized System of Surveys and certification (HSSC) in the future after vessel's full compliance with the BWM Convention.
- 5- The above decision will enter into effect as of 15 March 2017 and will be automatically suspended on the date of entry into force of the BWM Convention on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Your kind compliance for the above will be highly appreciated

Sincerely,

For the International Ship Registry of Togo  
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Registrar

