

Ballast Water Management Plan  
Section 2 – Definition

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2.1 General

For the purpose of this Plan, the following definitions apply:

- a) **Administration** means the Government of the State under whose authority the ship is operating.
- b) **Convention** means International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004.
- c) **Member States** means States that are members of the International Maritime Organization.
- d) **Port State Authority** means any official or organization authorized by the Government of a port State to administer guidelines or enforce standard and regulation relevant to the implementation of national and international shipping control measures.
- e) **Treatment** means a process or mechanical, physical, chemical or biological method to kill, remove or render infertile, harmful or potentially harmful organism within ballast water. (Not generally practiced by large vessels).
- f) **Mid-Ocean** means waters that are more than **200 nautical miles from land and at least 200 meters deep**.