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Applicable to: Shipowners, ship managers, operators (including ferry operators) Masters, crew members, Recognised Organisations (RO's), surveyors, ballast water management equipment manufacturers, testing labs and shipyards
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- (I) PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA (AMENDMENT) ACT 2017**
- (II) PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA (BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 2017**
- (III) PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA (RECEPTION FACILITIES AND GARBAGE FACILITIES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2017**

Shipping Circular 10 of 2017 (dated 12th June 2017) informed the shipping community and stakeholders that Singapore has acceded to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (the Convention). The Convention entered into force on 8th September 2017.

2. The Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Amendment) Act 2017 (the "Act"), the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Ballast Water Management) Regulations, 2017 and the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Reception Facilities and Garbage Facilities) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 give effect to the Convention's requirements.

3. The Act prohibits discharge of unmanaged ballast water and/or sediments from ships which the Convention applies. The Act prescribes penalties for such offences. The Act also empowers MPA to make regulations to fully implement the Convention.

4. The Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Ballast Water Management) Regulations 2017 implement the regulations set out in the Convention. The Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Reception Facilities and Garbage Facilities) (Amendment) Regulations of 2017 require shipyards providing ballast tank cleaning or repair services to ships to receive ballast water sediments and to provide for their disposal.

5. Copies of the Act (Act 26 of 2017), the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Ballast Water Management) Regulations 2017 (Government Gazette No.S 504/2017) and the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Reception Facilities and Garbage Facilities) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (Government Gazette No.S 502/2017) may be purchased at:

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6. The shipping community may also be able to access the legislations online at:

- (I) [PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA ACT](#)
- (II) [PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA \(BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT\) REGULATIONS 2017](#)
- (III) [PREVENTION OF POLLUTION OF THE SEA \(RECEPTION FACILITIES AND GARBAGE FACILITIES\) REGULATIONS](#)

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