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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF
SHIPS' BALLAST WATER AND SEDIMENTS, 2004**

Acceptance by Finland

Entry into force

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004, and to state that, with the deposit of an instrument of acceptance by the Republic of Finland, on 8 September 2016, the requirements for the entry into force of the Convention, as set out in article 18(1) thereof, have been fulfilled.

Article 18(1) provides that the Convention shall enter into force 12 months after the date on which not less than 30 States, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 35% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping, have either signed it without reservation as to ratification, acceptance or approval, or have deposited the requisite instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession in accordance with article 17.

Therefore, in accordance with article 18(1), the Convention will enter into force on 8 September 2017, twelve months following the date on which the requirements for entry into force were met.

A list of the 52 Contracting States to the Convention appears overleaf, showing their individual gross tonnages as at 8 September 2016, which combined total over 35.14%* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

The instrument of acceptance by Finland contained the following declaration:

"Notwithstanding the schedule set forth in regulation B-3 of the Convention, the Republic of Finland declares, concerning the application of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004, that it will enforce the standards in regulations D-1 and D-2 of the Convention in accordance with Assembly resolution A.1088(28), adopted on 4 December 2013, and with the understanding that the intentions of resolution A.1088(28) apply also to ships operating in sea areas where ballast water exchange in accordance with regulations B-4.1 and D-1 of the Convention is not possible."

* This tonnage percentage is derived from the world tonnage figures provided by IHS/Fairplay, as at 8 September 2016.

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Done at London, 13 February 2004

Entry into force: 8 September 2017

State	% World Tonnage	Date of deposit of instrument	Date of entry into force
Albania (accession)	0.0035	15 January 2009	8 September 2017
Antigua and Barbuda	0.6532	19 December 2008	8 September 2017
Barbados (accession)	0.0625	11 May 2007	8 September 2017
Belgium (accession)	0.4205	7 March 2016	8 September 2017
Brazil (ratification)	0.2473	14 April 2010	8 September 2017
Canada (accession)	0.2454	8 April 2010	8 September 2017
Congo (accession)	0.0004	19 May 2014	8 September 2017
Cook Islands (accession)	0.1284	2 February 2010	8 September 2017
Croatia (accession)	0.1059	29 June 2010	8 September 2017
Denmark (accession) ¹	1.2856	11 September 2012	8 September 2017
Egypt (accession)	0.0701	18 May 2007	8 September 2017
Fiji (accession)	0.0055	8 March 2016	8 September 2017
Finland (acceptance)	0.1341	8 September 2016	8 September 2017
France (accession)	0.4942	24 September 2008	8 September 2017
Georgia (accession)	0.0023	12 January 2015	8 September 2017
Germany (accession)	0.7827	20 June 2013	8 September 2017
Ghana (accession)	0.0103	26 November 2015	8 September 2017
Indonesia (accession)	1.0523	24 November 2015	8 September 2017
Iran (accession)	0.3516	6 April 2011	8 September 2017
Japan (accession)	1.9021	10 October 2014	8 September 2017
Jordan (accession)	0.0083	9 September 2014	8 September 2017
Kenya (accession)	0.0012	14 January 2008	8 September 2017
Kiribati (accession)	0.0253	5 February 2007	8 September 2017
Lebanon (accession)	0.0167	15 December 2011	8 September 2017
Liberia (accession)	10.9120	18 September 2008	8 September 2017
Malaysia (accession)	0.5795	27 September 2010	8 September 2017
Maldives (ratification)	0.0052	22 June 2005	8 September 2017

¹ Also applies to the Faroes.

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Marshall Islands (accession)	10.4231	26 November 2009	8 September 2017
Mexico (accession)	0.1255	18 March 2008	8 September 2017
Mongolia (accession)	0.0530	28 September 2011	8 September 2017
Montenegro (accession)	0.0078	29 November 2011	8 September 2017
Morocco (accession)	0.0268	23 November 2015	8 September 2017
Netherlands (approval) ²	0.5625	10 May 2010	8 September 2017
Nigeria (accession)	0.0944	13 October 2005	8 September 2017
Niue (accession)	0.0057	18 May 2012	8 September 2017
Norway (accession)	1.3906	29 March 2007	8 September 2017
Palau (accession)	0.0563	28 September 2011	8 September 2017
Peru (accession)	0.0448	10 June 2016	8 September 2017
Republic of Korea (accession)	0.8877	10 December 2009	8 September 2017
Russian Federation (accession)	0.7101	24 May 2012	8 September 2017
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.0816	30 August 2005	8 September 2017
Saint Lucia (accession)	--	26 May 2016	8 September 2017
Sierra Leone (accession)	0.1002	21 November 2007	8 September 2017
South Africa (accession)	0.0301	15 April 2008	8 September 2017
Spain (ratification)	0.2027	14 September 2005	8 September 2017
Sweden (accession)	0.1961	24 November 2009	8 September 2017
Switzerland (accession)	0.0833	24 September 2013	8 September 2017
Syrian Arab Republic	0.0035	2 September 2005	8 September 2017
Tonga (accession)	0.0015	16 April 2014	8 September 2017
Trinidad and Tobago	0.0044	3 January 2012	8 September 2017
Turkey (accession)	0.4838	14 October 2014	8 September 2017
Tuvalu (accession)	0.0627	2 December 2005	8 September 2017

² Also applies to Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba.