



REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping
4th Floor, New Government Centre
Port-Louis

NOTICE TO MARINERS Ref: 1 of 2008

Title: Ballast Water Reporting for Port-Louis Harbour

[Notice to Ship Owners, Operators, Agents and Masters.](#)

Informing that Mauritius is undertaking a baseline survey in Port Louis harbour region to identify exotic marine species, in line with the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments 2004.

Recalling that International Guidelines have been adopted by the IMO to prevent the introduction of unwanted aquatic organisms and pathogens from ships' ballast water and sediment discharges into marine eco-systems.

Aiming at using the Guidelines to prevent or minimise the uptake of contaminated water or sediment and the discharge of ballast ashore by the process of retention of ballast water onboard, ballast exchange at sea and ballast management.

Realising that there is growing worldwide concern for the unplanned and unwanted introduction of harmful aquatic organisms, ballast water-transported disease bacteria and viruses, and their effects on human health, the marine environment, fisheries, aquaculture and amenities.

Recognizing that the complete prevention of the introduction of unwanted aquatic organisms and pathogens through ballast water may not be possible at this time, it is generally accepted that much can be done to minimize the risks and accordingly the focus should be on this aspect.

Deciding that all ships which are on International trade and which intend to enter the port limits of Port Louis Harbour shall provide a fully completed ballast water report form as provided in **Annex 1**.

Strongly advising ship Owners, Operators, Agents, Masters or person-in-charge to comply with these Guidelines which were introduced under *IMO Resolution A.868 (20), Guidelines for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water to Minimize the Transfer of Harmful Aquatic Organisms and Pathogens*.

Noting that samples of ballast water may be drawn for analysis and Masters are required to provide safe access to water sampling point on board their vessels.

Urges Ship Owners, Operators, Agents, Master or person-in-charge of such ships to provide a fully completed ballast water report form as described in Annex 1 by any of the following means:

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| a. | <i>Telefax</i> | <i>Addressed to "Director of Shipping" Telefax No. (230) 2161612 or 2012827</i> |
| b. | <i>e-mail</i> | <i>Addressed to "Director of Shipping" shipping@intnet.mu</i> |

THE BALLAST WATER REPORTING SYSTEM WILL COME INTO FORCE AS FROM THE 14th of August 2008.

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