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To:
All shipping agents

A photocopy to:
Vice President for Environmental Affairs in the General Authority for Meteorology and
Environmental Protection
Vice President of maritime transport sector in the Transport General Authority

Subject: Implementing Ballast Water Sampling on ships arriving to the Kingdom

Reference to the request from the General Authority for Meteorology and Environmental
Protection to implement environmental procedures for managing ballast water tests in King
Fahad Industrial Port in Jubail, King Fahad Industrial Port in Yanbu, and Port of Ras Tanura,
considering the amount of ballast water being discharged at these ports.

In coordination with the concerned entities in (General Authority for Meteorology and
Environmental Protection and Transport General Authority) as the implementation should be as
follows:

1. Compliance from all ships arriving to the Kingdom to implement the Ballast Water
Management Convention 2004.
2. Conducting the Ballast Water Sampling in Saudi ports based on official request from the
ship's captain or the operating company of the shipping agent as follows:
 - a. The shipping agent coordinate with one of the companies licensed in environmental
services from General Authority for Meteorology and Environmental Protection
listed on the website (www.pme.gov.sa)
 - b. The shipping agent should submit official letter, which include the name of the ship,
the contracting company, and the equipment, for the management of the selected
port to request permit for the company to enter the port and boarding the ship to
implement Ballast Water Sampling.
 - c. The Ballast Water Sampling must be conducted onboard within one hour and within
the ports borders to prevent any delay for the ship.
 - d. The shipping agent must not use any chemicals during the Ballast Water Sampling
onboard according to the terms and conditions issued by the General Authority for
Meteorology and Environmental Protection.

- e. The shipping agent must ensure the Ballast Water Sampling is conducted according to the BALLAST WATER SAMPLING FORM, while taking full responsibility in case of using another form.
- f. The shipping agent must send a copy of the result of the Ballast Water Sampling to the Saudi Ports Authority E-mail (ballastwater@mawani.gov.sa)
3. The Saudi Ports Authority is not under any legal or financial obligations when the ships are conducting Ballast Water Sampling which is subject to the contract between the captain of the ship, the shipping agent, and contracting company, while the shipping agent must inform the captain about the results of the Ballast Water Sampling while not requiring the Saudi Ports Authority to accept ballast water discharge within the ports borders.

Approved for implementation and taking the necessary measures to inform all ships and shipping lines under your agencies, as the Saudi Ports Authority will implement regulatory procedures on violators from date of the issue.

Saudi Ports Authority