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SUBJECT: BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT EXTENSION PROGRAM UPDATE

On December 2, 2016, the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Center announced the approval of the first type approved Ballast Water Management System (BWMS). The certificate has been issued to Optimarin, after its system was determined to meet the requirements of the U.S ballast water regulations. Other systems are also being evaluated. In follow-up to this type approval, the U.S. Coast Guard issued a Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB 14-16) providing an update on the ballast water management (BWM) extension program. Among other things, it notes that current extension letters will remain valid until the extended compliance date specified in the extension letter. Supplemental extensions may be requested; however, if a type-approved BWMS is available, requests must provide the necessary evidence to show why compliance is not possible.

For a copy of the MSIB, please visit the following website:
https://www.uscg.mil/msib/docs/014_16_12-2-2016.PDF.

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