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**DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE GUIDELINES FOR BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT  
AND DEVELOPMENT OF BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT PLANS (G4)**

- 1 Paragraph 2.1.2 of part A of the *Guidelines for ballast water management and the development of Ballast Water Management Plans (G4)* (resolution MEPC.127(53), amended by resolution MEPC.306(73)) is amended as follows:

"2.1.2 When carrying out any ballast water operation the details are to be recorded in the Ballast Water Record Book together with any exemptions granted in accordance with regulation B-3 or C-1. In recording these operations and exemptions, the *Guidance on ballast water record-keeping and reporting* (BWM.2/Circ.80, as may be amended) should be taken into account."

- 2 A new paragraph 2.1.2**bis** is inserted into part A of the *Guidelines for ballast water management and the development of Ballast Water Management Plans (G4)* (resolution MEPC.127(53), amended by resolution MEPC.306(73)) as follows:

"2.1.2**bis** Where a port State requires specific information regarding the management of ballast water on a ship bound for a port, offshore terminal or anchorage area in that port State, a completed ballast water reporting form (BWRF) as set out in the *Guidance on ballast water record-keeping and reporting* (BWM.2/Circ.80, as may be amended) may be submitted prior to entry into that port State in a time frame required by that port State. Keeping records on a tank-by-tank basis, while not mandatory, may facilitate the completion of a BWRF. An example form for maintaining voluntary tank-by-tank records is annexed to the *Guidance on ballast water record-keeping and reporting*."

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