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

**Accession by New Zealand**

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 in accordance with article 17(3) of the Convention, accession by New Zealand was effected by deposit of an instrument on 9 January 2017.

The instrument of accession by New Zealand was accompanied by the following reservation and declaration:

"New Zealand reserves the right to apply the Convention in accordance with the recommendations contained in operative paragraph 2 of Resolution A.1088(28) adopted by the Assembly of the International Maritime Organization on 4 December 2013; and declares that, consistent with the constitutional status of Tokelau and taking into account the commitment of the Government of New Zealand to the development of self-government for Tokelau through an act of self-determination under the Charter of the United Nations, this accession shall not extend to Tokelau unless and until a declaration to this effect is lodged by the Government of New Zealand with the depository on the basis of appropriate consultation with that territory."

The Convention will enter into force for New Zealand on 8 September 2017, in accordance with article 18(2) of the Convention.

There are at present 54 Contracting States to the Convention, representing approximately 53.30%\* of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant shipping.

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\* Tonnage calculated as at 9 January 2017 based on world tonnage figures provided by IHS Markit current as of 30 September 2016.