§ 151.1512 Implementation Schedule for approved ballast water management methods.

(a) In order to discharge ballast water into the waters of the United States, the master, owner, operator, agent, or person in charge of a vessel subject to §151.1510 of this subpart must either ensure that the ballast water meets the ballast water discharge standard as defined in §151.1511(a), use an AMS as provided for under §151.1510(a)(1) or ballast exclusively with water from a U.S. public water system, as described in §151.1510(a)(4), according to the schedule in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) Implementation Schedule for the Ballast Water Management Discharge Standard for vessels using a Coast Guard approved BWMS to manage ballast water discharged to U.S. waters. After the dates listed in Table 151.1512(b), vessels may use a USCG-approved BWMS and comply with the discharge standard, or employ an approved alternative ballast water management method per §151.1510(a)(1) and (4).

### Table 151.1512(b)—Implementation Schedule for Ballast Water Management Discharge Standards for Vessels Using Coast Guard Approved Ballast Water Management Systems

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Vessel’s ballast water capacity</th>
<th>Date constructed</th>
<th>Vessel’s compliance date</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>New vessels</td>
<td>On or after December 1, 2013.</td>
<td>On delivery.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Existing vessels</td>
<td>Before December 1, 2013.</td>
<td>First scheduled drydocking after January 1, 2016.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Less than 1500 m³</td>
<td>Before December 1, 2013.</td>
<td>First scheduled drydocking after January 1, 2014.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1500–5000 m³</td>
<td>Before December 1, 2013.</td>
<td>First scheduled drydocking after January 1, 2016.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Greater than 5000 m³</td>
<td>Before December 1, 2013.</td>
<td>First scheduled drydocking after January 1, 2016.</td>
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</table>

§ 151.1513 Extension of compliance date.

The Coast Guard may grant an extension to the implementation schedule in §151.1512(b) of this subpart only in those cases where the master, owner, operator, agent, or person in charge of a vessel subject to this subpart can document that, despite all efforts, compliance with the requirement under §151.1510 is not possible. Any extension request must be made no later than 12 months before the scheduled implementation date listed in §151.1512(b) of this subpart and submitted in writing to the Commandant (CG–522), U.S. Coast Guard Office of Operating and Environmental Standards, 2100 2nd St. SW., Stop 7126, Washington, DC 20593–7126. Summary information concerning all extension decisions, including the name of the vessel and vessel owner, the term of the extension, and the basis for the extension will be promptly posted on the Internet.

§ 151.1514 Vessel safety.

Nothing in this subpart relieves the master of the responsibility for ensuring the safety and stability of the vessel or the safety of the crew and passengers, or any other responsibility.

§ 151.1515 Ballast water management alternatives under extraordinary conditions.

(a) As long as ballast water exchange (BWE) remains an option under the schedule in §151.1512(b) of this subpart, the master of any vessel subject to this subpart who uses BWE to meet the requirements of this subpart and, due to weather, equipment failure, or other
§ 151.1516 Compliance monitoring.

(a) The master of each vessel equipped with ballast tanks must provide, as detailed in §151.2070 of this part, the following information, in written form, to the Captain of the Port (COTP):

(1) The vessel’s name, port of registry, and official number or call sign.

(2) The name of the vessel’s owner(s).

(3) Whether ballast water is being carried.

(4) The original location and salinity, if known, of ballast water taken on, before an exchange.

(5) The location, date, and time of any ballast water exchange.

(6) The salinity of any ballast water to be discharged into the territorial waters of the United States.

(b) The intended discharge port for ballast water and location for disposal of sediment carried upon entry into the territorial waters of the United States, if ballast water or sediment are to be discharged.

(c) The signature of the master attesting to the accuracy of the information provided and certifying compliance with the requirements of this subpart.

(d) The COTP may take samples of ballast water to assess the compliance with and the effectiveness of, this subpart.

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