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Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 20/2017.

Read the first time on 3 April 2017.

A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea Act
(Chapter 243 of the 1999 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the
Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. This Act is the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea (Amendment) Act 2017 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of long title

2. The long title to the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended by deleting the words “and to other international agreements relating to the prevention, reduction and control of pollution of the sea and pollution from ships” and substituting the words “the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships’ Ballast Water and Sediments 2004, and to other international agreements relating to the protection of the marine environment and to the prevention, reduction and control of pollution of the sea and pollution from ships”.

Amendment of section 2

3. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Authority” in subsection (1), the following definitions:

“ballast tank” means any tank, hold or space used for the carriage of ballast water;

“ballast water” means water with its suspended matter taken on board a ship to control trim, list, draught, stability or stresses of the ship;

“ballast water management” means mechanical, physical, chemical, and biological processes, either singularly or in combination, to remove, render harmless, or avoid the uptake or discharge of harmful aquatic organisms and pathogens within ballast water and sediments;

“Ballast Water Management Convention” means the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships’ Ballast Water and Sediments 2004;

“ballast water management system” —

- (a) means any system which processes ballast water such that it meets or exceeds the ballast water performance standard in the Ballast Water Management Convention; and 5
 - (b) includes ballast water treatment equipment, all associated control equipment, piping arrangements specified by the manufacturer of the ballast water management system as forming part of the ballast water management system, control and monitoring equipment and sampling facilities; but 10 15
 - (c) does not include any of the ship’s ballast water fittings, such as piping, valves and pumps, that would be required to be fitted even if the ballast water management system was not fitted;” 20
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “garbage” in subsection (1), the following definition:
- “ “harmful aquatic organisms and pathogens” means aquatic organisms or pathogens which, if introduced into the sea including estuaries, or into fresh water courses, may create hazards to the environment, human health, property or resources, impair biological diversity or interfere with other legitimate uses of such areas;” 25 30