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No.	Related Documents	Status *
1	Port Act 1981 (S.B. 1981 no. 86)	Active
2	International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM Convention)	Active
3	Maritime Zones Act (S.B. 2017 no. 41)	Active
4	Latest tide table	Active
5	ISPS ship pre-arrival form (F-51/52.001)	Active
6	Maritime Declaration of Health form (F-51/52.021)	Active
7	Questions related to the Ebola outbreak (F51/52.027)	Active
8	Shipping notice 2015/01 Minimum requirements for safe and efficient passage of sea-going vessels in Surinamese waters	Active
9	Shipping notice 2026/13 nautical Accessibility Suriname River	Active
10	Relevant NtM of the area on www.mas.sr	Active
11	Suriname Coast Guard Act (S.B. 2017 no. 32)	Active

Additional requirements for ships navigating in Suriname waters

Ballast Water Management Requirements for Vessels Calling at Ports in Suriname

Prohibition of Discharge within Suriname Ports

In accordance with the Port Act 1981 (S.B. 1981 no. 86), Article 17, any discharge of any substances into ports and waters under the jurisdiction of Suriname is strictly prohibited. This prohibition applies to all ballast water discharge operations, irrespective of origin, including ballast water taken on board locally. Deballasting operation alongside berth within Suriname ports are not allowed.

1. Applicability of the IMO Ballast Water Management Convention

Suriname applies the provisions of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM Convention), specifically the D 1 Ballast Water Exchange Standard.

Ships entering the Wider Caribbean Area are required to:

- Conduct ballast water exchange:
 - At least 200 nautical miles from the nearest land, and
 - In waters of at least 200 meters depth.
- Where the above is not feasible due to safety, voyage deviation, or operational constraints:
 - Exchange must be undertaken as far from the nearest land as possible, and
 - In all cases at least 50 nautical miles from the nearest land and in waters of at least 200 meters depth.

2. Regional Requirements – Wider Caribbean Area

For vessels operating within the Wider Caribbean Area, ballast water exchange must also comply with:

- The D 1 standard of the BWM Convention, and
- Be conducted as far from land as practicable, but at a minimum:
 - 50 nautical miles offshore, and
 - In waters of at least 200 meters depth.

3. Absence of Designated Exchange Areas in Suriname

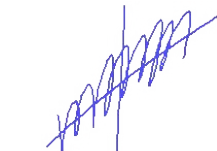
It should be noted that Suriname has not designated any approved ballast water exchange areas within its jurisdiction. As such, vessels are required to complete all ballast water exchange operations prior to entering Surinamese waters, in full compliance with the above international and regional requirements.

4. D 2 Standard – Not Applicable for Discharge in Suriname Waters

While the BWM Convention also provides for the D 2 Ballast Water Performance Standard (treatment standard), it is important to clarify that:

- Compliance with the D 2 standard does not override national discharge prohibitions;
- Under Surinamese law (Port Act 1981, Article 17), no ballast water discharge is permitted within port waters, irrespective of whether the ballast water has been treated to D 2 standard.

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