

**Coast Guard, DHS**

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practicable, and/or may possibly prevent the introduction and spread of non-indigenous aquatic invasive species.

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**§ 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

	Vessel's ballast water capacity	Date constructed	Vessel's compliance date
New vessels .....	All .....	On or after December 1, 2013.	On delivery.
Existing vessels .....	Less than 1500 m <sup>3</sup> .....	Before December 1, 2013.	First scheduled drydocking after January 1, 2016.
	1500–5000 m <sup>3</sup> .....	Before December 1, 2013.	First scheduled drydocking after January 1, 2014.
	Greater than 5000 m <sup>3</sup> ..	Before December 1, 2013.	First scheduled drydocking after January 1, 2016.

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**§ 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. Extensions

will be for no longer than the minimum time needed, as determined by the Coast Guard, for the vessel to comply with the requirements of §151.1510.

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**§ 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.

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**§ 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