**E-MAIL TEMPLATE FOR USCG EXTENSION REQUESTS – Single Vessel**

Below is the ABS developed email template for the revised USCG extension policy.

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**Email Subject**

Subject:  Request for Extension of Implementation Schedule - [[vessel name]]

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**Email Text**

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[[Shipowner/operator]] is submitting the attached Application for Extended Compliance Date under U.S. Coast Guard Ballast Water Management (BWM) Regulations for [[Vessel Name]] [[IMO No.: XXXXXXX)]]. The vessel’s original compliance date is [[insert the date of first scheduled DD after 1 Jan 2016]]. The vessel’s next two drydocking dates are [[insert date of next DD]] and [[insert date of DD following previous date]].

The extension request is being submitted for the vessel because, despite all efforts, compliance with the requirements under 33 CFR 151.1510 (a)(2) - (a)(4) and 33 CFR 151.2025 (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(4) and (a)(5) is not possible. The USCG has not Type Approved any BWMS for compliance with 46 CFR Part 162 and the other ballast water management options identified by the USCG are not feasible solutions because no onshore facility exists for treatment of ballast water and the volume of water required to use as ballast water from a U.S. public water supply cannot be reliably obtained.

At this time, [[Shipowner/operator]] is requesting extensions until the next scheduled out of water drydocking date for subject vessel due to the safety issues associated with installing and commissioning BWMS equipment while in service/underway .  Once the USCG type approves appropriate BWMS, sufficient time is required to choose, design, install and commission a BWMS. [[Shipowner/operator]] cannot change the existing drydock schedule because of the economic impact of moving drydockings significantly.

The ballast water management plan will be followed for discharges that take place in waters of the U.S.  The vessel will continue to perform complete ballast water exchange in an area 200 nautical miles from any shore prior to discharging ballast water during the extension period for compliance with USCG ballast water regulations.

Please call [[phone number]] or email [[email address]] if further information is needed.

Regards,

[[INSERT COMPLETE CONTACT INFORMATION]]