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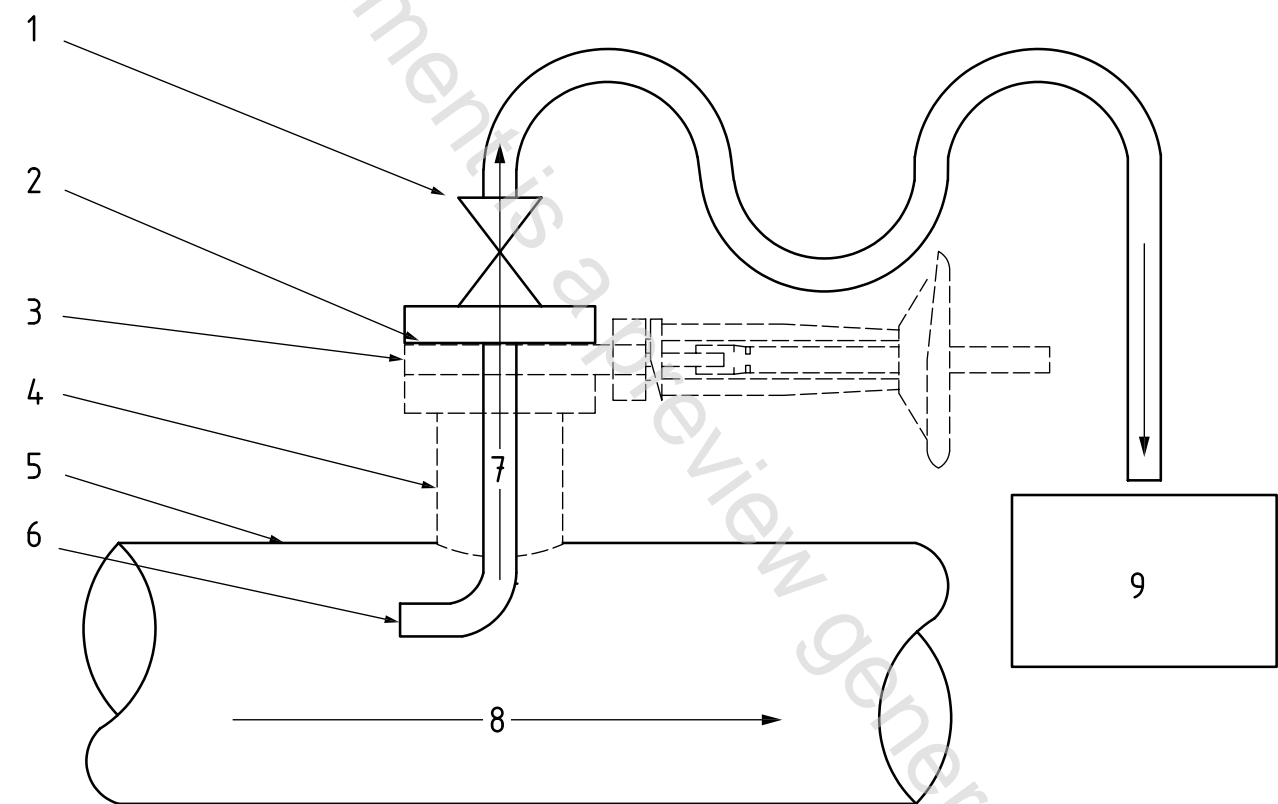
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Introduction

The sampling guidance provided by the ISO 11711 series is intended to standardize the measurement of organism concentrations through sampling of a ship's ballast discharge consistent with the requirements of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Regulation D-2^[1]. The ISO 11711 series currently includes two parts, where ISO 11711-1 provides guidance on the shipboard arrangements for piping and fittings necessary for sampling and return ports, and standardizes the presentation of the sampling port to accommodate various sampling probe configurations. This document addresses the process of collecting and processing ballast water samples for subsequent analysis such as required for type approval, according to IMO Resolution MEPC.300(72) (BWM Code)^[2]. It provides guidance to ballast water sampling teams and other concerned parties on the apparatus, installation, and procedures required to obtain representative samples of ballast water discharges from sample ports on a ship. These concepts are illustrated in [Figure 1](#).



Key

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| 1 | sample collection device isolation valve | 6 | sample probe |
| 2 | sample port access flange | 7 | sample water flow |
| 3 | sample port valve | 8 | ballast water flow |
| 4 | sample port | 9 | sample collection device |
| 5 | ballast discharge pipe | | |
- ISO 11711-1 Ballast water sample port - fitting arrangements
———— ISO 11711-2 On-board ballast water sampling and sample processing

NOTE 1 Figure not to scale.

NOTE 2 The figure shows a sample port arranged perpendicular to the main ballast flow.

NOTE 3 See [Annex A](#) for examples of configurations of sample collection devices and their connection to ballast piping.

Figure 1 — Illustration of the scopes of ISO 11711-1 and 11711-2

Specifically, this document defines appropriate sample probe and sample flow control to achieve representative sampling and minimize measurement uncertainty consistent with measurement requirements. Appropriate sample volumes and collection times provide statistical confidence for viable organism counts at the discharge limit. Regulation D-2^[1] requires the measurement of two organism size classes: $\geq 10 \mu\text{m}$ and $< 50 \mu\text{m}$ (< 10 organisms ml^{-1}) and $\geq 50 \mu\text{m}$ (< 10 organisms m^{-3}), and three indicator microbes: toxigenic *Vibrio cholerae* (serotypes O1 and O139, < 1 cfu 100 ml^{-1} or < 1 cfu g^{-1} wet weight zoopl.), *Escherichia coli* (< 250 cfu 100 ml^{-1}), and intestinal enterococci (< 100 cfu 100 ml^{-1}). Sampling approaches for each are provided, where both indicative and detailed analyses of viable organisms are supported, as defined by BWM.2/Circ.42/Rev.2 ^[3], as may be amended, and considering the criteria in ISO 17025 for quality management, measurement uncertainty, and standardized procedures. The ISO 11711 series does not intend to add any requirements to the BWM Convention or related documents of IMO but provides supplemental guidance for sampling of ballast water.

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Part 2: Ballast water sample collection and handling

1 Scope

This document provides requirements and recommendations to ballast water sampling teams or other concerned parties on the selection and use of sampling apparatus to collect and process ballast water discharge samples aboard a ship from sample ports installed in accordance with ISO 11711-1. It includes an overview of the sampling process, and a discussion on the design and maintenance of sample probes, the necessary sample flow rates, the sample collection devices that incorporate sample flow control to maintain representative sampling conditions, and the handling of samples for subsequent analyses.

This document primarily addresses the collection of ballast water discharge samples. However, it can also be applied to uptake samples with consideration of appropriate sample volumes given anticipated organism concentrations in ambient (as opposed to treated) waters.

NOTE While this document is focused on installations aboard a ship, it can be used for land-based facilities.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

MEPC.173(58), *Guidelines for Ballast Water Sampling* (G2)

ISO 5667-3, *Water quality — Sampling — Part 3: Preservation and handling of water samples*

ISO 11711-1:2019, *Ships and marine technology — Aquatic nuisance species — Part 1: Ballast water discharge sample port*

ISO 17602, *Ships and marine technology — Metal valves for use in flanged pipe — Face-to-face and centre-to-face dimensions*

ISO/IEC 17025, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*

3 Terms and definitions

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ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

absolute pore size

pore size based on empirical measurements of the pores in a *filter* (3.9)