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**Part 1:
Ballast water discharge sample port**

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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 11711-1:2013), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- The previous edition did not address apparatus needed to collect representative samples of ballast water, nor did it provide procedures for handling or analysing the samples after they have been collected. Accordingly, this second edition of ISO 11711-1 is intended to be complemented with other two Parts in the ISO 11711 series.
- The previous edition provided guidance on the design of "sample ports;" they are now known as "sample probes."
- This edition clarifies issues encountered with the previous edition and provides additional information:
 - A semi-permanently installed probe could become hazardous to ship operations if there is excessive bio-fouling in or corrosion of the pipe.
 - The first edition did not contain sufficient details to allow for multiple available sample probe configurations and installation methods.
- The end user is now addressed in each of the parts of the ISO 11711 series. For example, this document is intended for ship owners, designers and crew for accessing the main ballast pipe for sampling; ISO 11711-2 is intended for port state control or other sampling parties; a future Part will be intended for personnel analysing the samples.

A list of all the parts in the ISO 11711 series can be found on the ISO website.

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Introduction

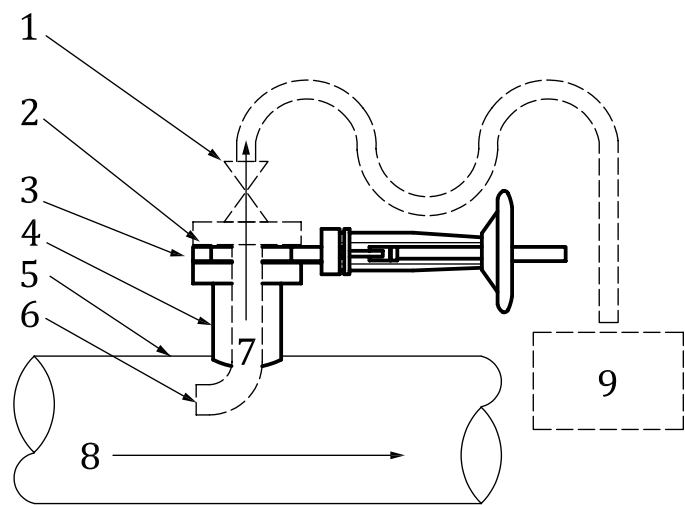
This document provides guidance to shipboard personnel and other concerned parties on designs, installations and procedures required to obtain representative samples of ballast water from the ballast water discharge piping prior to discharge. ISO 11711-1 defines arrangements for shipboard ballast piping and fittings that are independent of the sampling apparatus used by sampling teams. ISO 11711-2¹⁾ will provide guidance on the selection and use of sampling apparatus needed to collect and process the samples on board the vessel. These concepts are illustrated in [Figure 1](#). A future part will provide methodologies to analyse the samples and determine compliance with ballast water discharge regulations.

Sampling is intended to determine whether ballast water is in compliance with regulatory discharge standards, such as during the installation or evaluation of ballast water treatment equipment, periodic ballast water discharge assessments or during a port state control inspection of the ballast water being discharged.

The sampling guidance provided by the ISO 11711 series is intended to support measurement of organism counts in ballast discharge piping consistent with the requirements of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) D-2 discharge standard. Such measurement requires the collection and analysis of representative samples, i.e. the makeup of the sample is representative of the water flowing in the ballast pipe over the period of sample collection.

The guidance provided by the ISO 11711 series is valid only for turbulent flows within the ballast discharge pipe. Selecting appropriate sample probes and controlling sample flows to meet representative sampling constraints will be discussed in ISO 11711-2.

1) Under development.



Key

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|---|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 1 | sample collection device 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 main 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.

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

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Part 1: Ballast water discharge sample port

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for the design and the fitting arrangements of ballast water discharge sample ports.

In coordination with the vessel, a suitable sample collection probe is installed into the shipboard sample port as needed to collect ballast samples, and the port is sealed with a blind flange at other times. This document addresses the location of sample ports to accommodate representative sampling, and it standardizes the presentation of the port to accommodate various probe configurations. It provides specifications for a return port to the ballast line downstream of the sample collection port, allowing processed sample water to be returned to the ballast pipe. The appropriate sample probe and other sample collection apparatus is determined by the sample collection team according to the requirements of ISO 11711-2.

NOTE The distinction between the sample *port* discussed in this document and the sample *probe* discussed in ISO 11711-2 is worth noting. The sample port is a permanent apparatus designed and installed in the ship's ballast piping to accept multiple sample probe configurations. The sample probe is a temporarily installed water collection pipe designed by the sampling party to mate with the sample port and to meet the measurement objectives of the sample.

This document is applicable to ships with a ballast discharge pipe size of DN 100 or greater, with turbulent flows. Guidance for smaller ballast pipe diameters is given in [Annex A](#).

This document primarily addresses the collection of ballast water *discharge* samples. Optional requirements for installation of sample ports intended to collect *uptake* samples are provided in [Annex B](#).

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.

ISO 7005-1, *Pipe flanges — Part 1: Steel flanges for industrial and general service piping systems*

ISO 14726, *Ships and marine technology — Identification colours for the content of piping systems*

ISO 15614 (all parts), *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials — Welding procedure test*

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

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

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

3.1

ballast discharge pipe

primary pipe used to transfer water between a ship's ballast tanks and overboard discharge

3.2

ballast water

water with its suspended matter taken on board a ship to control trim, list, stability or stresses of the ship

3.3

ballast water system

arrangement of pumps, piping and tanks on ships used to control trim, list, stability or stresses of the ship

3.4

ballast water management system

BWMS

equipment that processes *ballast water* (3.2) such that the water discharged (the treated water) is intended to meet the specified performance requirements for eliminating or reducing aquatic organisms

3.5

blind flange

closed end of pipe or *fitting* (3.6), extending perpendicular to its axis with, bolt holes equally spaced in a circle to abut with another *flange* (3.7) and isolate a section of pressurized piping

[SOURCE: ISO 2531:2009, 3.10, definition of "flange", modified - "closed" added at the beginning of the definition, and "to abut with another flange and isolate a section of pressurized piping" added at the end.]

3.6

fitting

component other than a pipe, which allows pipeline deviation, change of direction or bore

[SOURCE: ISO 2531:2009, 3.9, modified - "casting" replaced by "component", and Note deleted.]

3.7

flange

end of a pipe or fitting, extending perpendicular to its axis, with opening and bolt holes equally spaced in a circle to abut with another flange

[SOURCE: ISO 2531:2009, 3.10, modified - "opening and" and "to abut with another flange" added.]

3.8

full port valve

full bore valve

valve designed such that flow is unrestricted when it is open

3.9

gasket

sealing component of a joint between two *flanges* (3.7)

[SOURCE: ISO 2531:2009, 3.13, modified - "between two flanges" added.]

3.10

isolation valve

full port valve (3.8) with flanged faces installed on the *sample port* (3.14) to allow sealing of the sampling access and installation of a *sample probe* (3.15)

3.11**nominal size****DN****nominal pipe size****NPS**

alphanumeric designation of size for components of a pipework system, which is used for reference purposes

Note 1 to entry: It comprises the letters DN (when relating to millimetres) or NPS (when relating to inches) followed by a dimensionless whole number, which is indirectly related to the physical size of the bore or outside diameter of the end connections.

[SOURCE: ISO 2531:2009, 3.20, definition of "nominal size, DN", and ISO 13703:2000, 3.1.15, reworded.]

3.12**return port**

flanged opening that provides a means to return processed water to the ballast pipe downstream of the *sample port* (3.14)

Note 1 to entry: It does not necessarily accommodate the insertion of a *sample probe* (3.15).

3.13**sample collection device**

device that can concentrate and collect the larger class of organisms (via a filter or plankton net), collect a whole water sample, or both

3.14**sample port**

flanged opening for inserting a *sample probe* (3.15) into the ballast pipe

3.15**sample probe**

tube inserted into the *ballast discharge pipe* (3.1) through the *sample port* (3.14) that provides the ability to connect to external piping for collection and processing of a *ballast water* (3.2) sample

Note 1 to entry: Further specifications of the sample probes will be provided in ISO 11711-2.

3.16**treatment**

process or combination of mechanical, physical or chemical methods to kill, remove or render harmless organisms within *ballast water* (3.2)

4 Sample port design**4.1 Colour**

The sample port, return port and any associated piping, particularly valve handles, shall be appropriately coloured green in accordance with ISO 14726 to indicate a sea water system.

4.2 Labelling

The sample port and return port shall be labelled with tags or markings to explicitly distinguish their functions. The labels shall be clearly visible from personnel standing at the ground level platform or at the deck in the area where the ports are located.

4.3 Ancillary piping design and installation

Where particulars are unspecified, the design and installation of the sample port, return port and any associated piping systems shall be in accordance with classification society rules or other international

or national standards approved by the authority having jurisdiction in ship modifications. This includes selection of components used in the installations.

4.4 Materials

In order to prevent galvanic corrosion and potential leaking or flooding, the sample port flange, piping, valves and blind flange shall be constructed of the same or galvanically compatible material as the ballast water piping, and they shall be mechanically suitable for long-term installation. Extra strong schedule piping and fittings shall be used.

4.5 Welding

Welding and workmanship of all piping and equipment shall be in accordance with ISO 15614, classification society rules or other international or national standards approved by the authority having jurisdiction in ship modifications. All welded joints shall be pressure rated to the specifications of the vessel's ballast water system.

4.6 Configuration of the sample port assembly

4.6.1 General

Sample ports may be installed in three (3) orientations relative to the centre axis of the ballast discharge pipe to be sampled: perpendicular ([Figure 2](#)), at 45 ° ([Figure 3](#)) and inline ([Figure 4](#)). For the perpendicular or inline configurations, the sample port may be located at any point around the circumference of the ballast discharge pipe that provides acceptable clearances.

NOTE A sample port perpendicular or at 45 ° from the central axis of the ballast discharge pipe is installed on a straight section of the piping. An inline sample port is installed in the side of a piping elbow or tee.

For the purpose of connecting a sample collection device, two (2) ports are required on a ballast discharge pipe. A sample port is used to install the sample probe, which provides the sample water to the collection device. A return port is used to return the processed sample water downstream of the sample port into the ballast discharge pipe. Sizing, location and configuration of each port depends on its function.

4.6.2 Sample port

The sample port shall be installed on all vessels using standard schedule piping and fittings. A pipe boss, saddle or other suitable method shall be used to provide access to the inside of the ballast discharge pipe ([Figures 2 to 4](#)). Only straight fittings shall be used and the inside of the access shall be unobstructed to the ballast discharge pipe with internal edges smoothed and de-burred.

A knife-style gate valve, referred to as the sample port valve in [Figures 2 to 4](#), shall be provided to allow the sample port to be closed off from the ballast discharge pipe. The sample port valve, used with a flanged pipe, shall be fully ported, such that a clear and straight opening is provided from the access flange into the ballast discharge pipe when the valve is fully open (see [Table 1](#)). The valves shall be of standard design with dimensions in accordance with ISO 17602.

An access flange shall be provided to allow the sample probe and associated apparatus to be installed in the sample port. The access flange shall be of standard design to ISO 7005-1 PN 20 DN 100 (identical dimensionally to DIN 2544 PN 20, ASME B16.5 class 150 or JIS B2220 16K). Flanges shall be flat face. It is acceptable to utilize a flanged isolation valve as the access flange provided it meets the ISO 7005-1 PN 20 DN 100 standard. The distance from the ballast discharge pipe inner wall to the face of the access flange is identified in the figures as dimension *B* and shall not exceed the values shown in [Table 1](#).

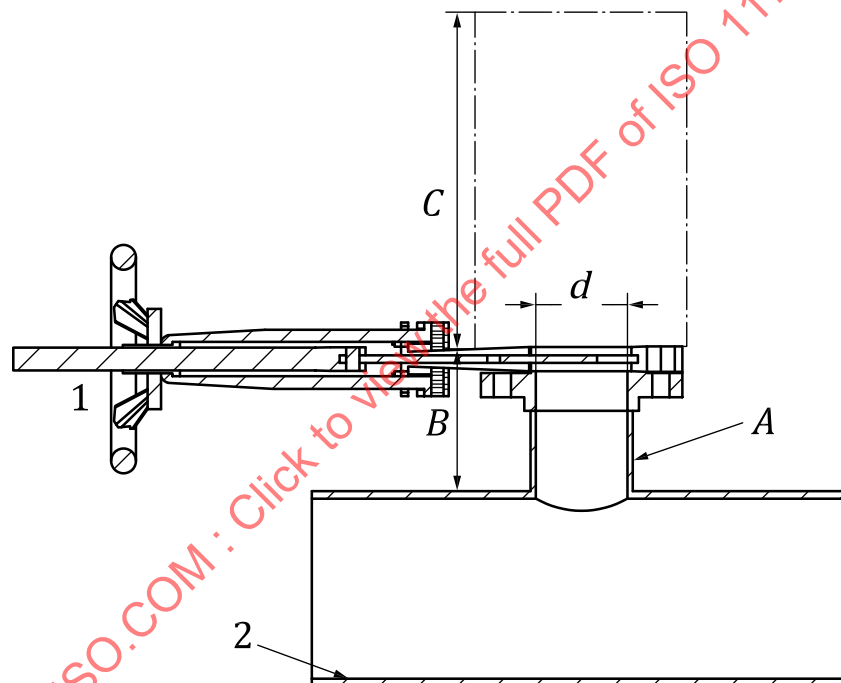
When the sample port is not in use, the sample port valve shall remain closed and the access flange shall be covered with a blind flange.

4.6.3 Return port

The piping and fittings for the return port shall be DN 50 schedule piping. A pipe boss, saddle or other suitable method shall be installed to allow flow into the ballast discharge pipe and allow enough clearance for connection using a flanged pipe or hose. Only straight fittings shall be used and the inside of the access shall be unobstructed to the ballast discharge pipe with internal edges smoothed and de-burred.

A DN 50 valve shall be provided to allow the port to be closed off from the ballast discharge pipe. The return port valve, used with a flanged pipe, shall be fully ported, such that a clear and straight opening is provided from the flange into the ballast discharge pipe when the valve is fully open. An access flange shall be provided to allow connection of a sample collection device to the return port. Suitable return port valves include fully ported valves and gate valves. Butterfly, globe and similar valves that do not provide a clear and straight opening are not acceptable.

The access flange shall be of standard design to ISO 7005-1 PN 20 DN 50 (identical dimensionally to DIN 2544 PN 20, ASME B16.5 class 150 or JIS B 2220 10K). Flanges shall be flat face. It is acceptable to utilize a flanged valve as the access flange provided it meets the ISO 7005-1 PN 20 DN 50 standard.

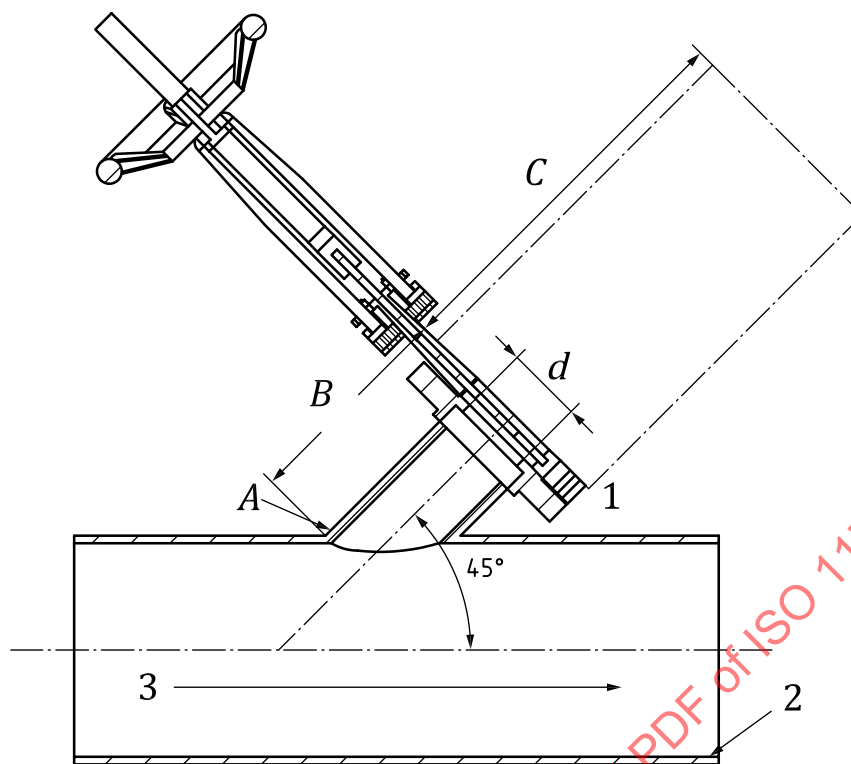


Key

- 1 sample port valve
- 2 ballast discharge pipe
- A nominal pipe size (DN)
- B inner wall of ballast discharge pipe to face of access flange (max)
- C equipment operating area extending outward from face of access flange (min)
- d clearance through port diameter (min)

NOTE Figure not to scale.

Figure 2 — Perpendicular sample port arrangement

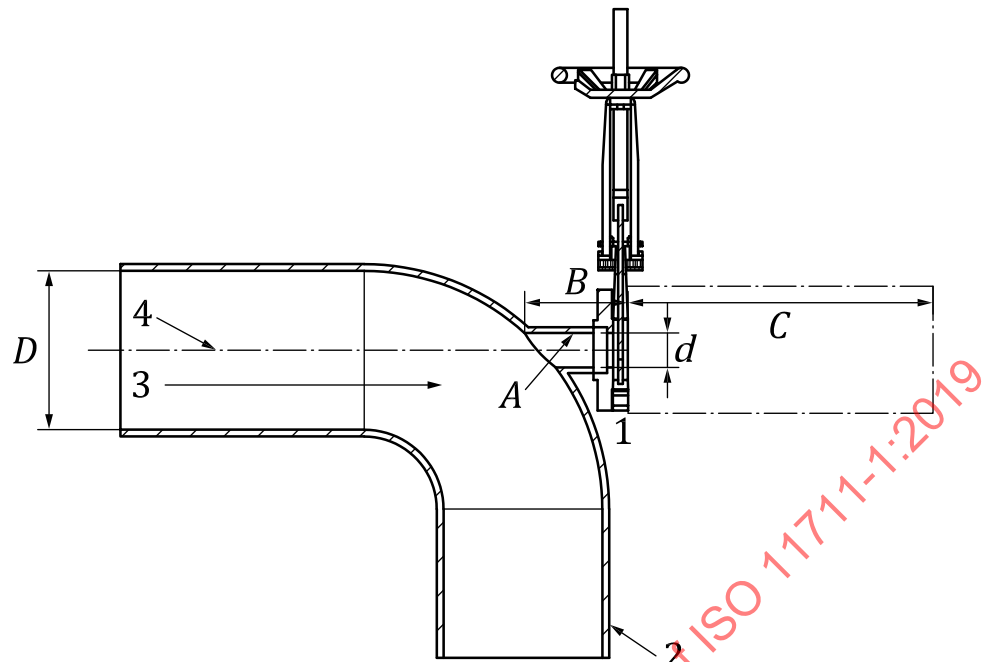


Key

- 1 sample port valve
- 2 ballast discharge pipe
- 3 ballast flow
- A nominal pipe size (DN)
- B inner wall of ballast discharge pipe to face of access flange (max)
- C equipment operating area extending outward from face of access flange (min)
- d clearance through port diameter (min)

NOTE Figure not to scale.

Figure 3 — 45 ° sample port arrangement

**Key**

- 1 sample port valve
- 2 ballast discharge pipe
- 3 ballast flow
- 4 ballast pipe centre-axis
- A nominal pipe size (DN)
- B inner wall of ballast discharge pipe to face of access flange (max)
- C equipment operating area extending outward from face of access flange (min)
- D internal diameter of ballast discharge pipe
- d clearance through port diameter (min)

NOTE Figure not to scale.

Figure 4 — Inline sample port arrangement

Table 1 — Sample port dimensions in Figures 2 to 4

Dimensions in millimetres

Sample port	Nominal pipe size (DN)	Inner wall of ballast discharge pipe to face of access flange max	Equipment operating area extending outward from face of access flange min	Clearance through port diameter min
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(d)
Perpendicular	100	190	400	97
45 °	80	240	500	74
Inline	50	150	400 + 2D	49
D = Inner diameter of ballast discharge pipe.				

4.7 Location of the sample port and return port

4.7.1 General

The location of the sample port in the discharge pipe shall be assessed based on the hydrodynamic conditions at that point in the pipe and on the availability of space. The ship's piping shall be studied to determine the most appropriate location based on these considerations, and the most practical location shall be selected. A sample port intended to sample ballast water discharge shall be located as close to the overboard discharge as possible, with allowance made for installing the return port.

The return port shall be located on the ballast piping and as close to the overboard discharge as possible. It is recommended that the sample port and return port be located in the same machinery space. The return port shall be located on the ballast piping, downstream of the sample port, where the return flow does not affect the representativeness of the sample.

4.7.2 Location of the sample port based on hydrodynamic conditions

The sample port shall be located at a point such that during normal ballast discharge operations, the pipe at the sample port is completely filled, water is fully mixed and turbulent, and hydrodynamic conditions allow for a representative sample to be collected. An example of this would be at a point where there is fully developed flow. In practice, this should be accomplished by selecting an installation point downstream from the greatest length of straight pipe (i.e., unobstructed from valves, elbows or other fittings) available. At a minimum, there shall be at least 6 pipe diameters of straight pipe upstream and 3 pipe diameters of straight pipe downstream from the sample point. One option is to build a computational fluid dynamics model that simulates the ship's piping arrangement and flow conditions. Only qualified personnel with an expertise in fluid mechanics shall conduct the analysis and interpret the results.

It is suitable to install a sample port on a vertical section of pipe only where water flows in the upward direction under normal ballasting operations to ensure that the pipe is completely filled. In a 45 ° or inline configuration, the sample port shall be oriented such that a sample probe would be inserted into the direction of flow ([Figures 3 to 4](#)).

4.7.3 Location of the sample and return ports based on the availability of space

A suitable area around the sample and return ports shall exist, free of all obstructions, to allow the sampling equipment to be installed, accessed and operated. The minimum clearance required, extending outward from the face of the access flange of the sample port for connecting sample port equipment, is listed in [Table 1](#). For the return port, there shall be enough free space around the access flange for a connection with external piping to be made. Regarding a suitable working space for personnel, an area of 2 m² adjacent to the port with clear head room of 2 m would normally be sufficient. The working area shall be on a flat platform or deck and allow for safe access and conditions for two persons and their sampling/test equipment.

4.8 Safety considerations

Appropriate care shall be taken when choosing an installation location on the ballast discharge pipe to ensure the safety of personnel installing, operating, maintaining and working around the sample and return ports. The space around the ports shall have suitable lighting and be well ventilated. The ports and connected sample piping shall not obstruct walkways, emergency equipment or manway doors. The access flange shall be maintained and fitted with appropriate gaskets and fasteners so that a sample collection device can achieve a tight seal. Care shall be used to ensure the sample port valve is completely closed or the ballast discharge pipe is not pressurized when removing the blind flange. Importantly, the ports shall be installed at locations in the ballast discharge where valves upstream and downstream can be closed to isolate them in the event of an emergency.

Sampling teams shall learn and follow the practices and procedures for safety that are established by the ship and communicate the test plan very clearly to ship personnel before sample probe installation and carrying out any ballast water sampling operations.

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Annex A (informative)

Installation of sample ports for ships with ballast discharge pipes <DN100

For ships with DN50 or DN80 ballast discharge pipe sizes, the perpendicular and 45 ° configurations shown in [Figures 2](#) and [3](#) may be used. The inline configuration shown in [Figure 4](#) may also be used, however, it may be more practical to install a tee rather than a welded boss fitting to the side of an elbow. In these cases, dimensions for clearance are listed in [Table A.1](#).

Table A.1 — Sample port dimensions for ships with ballast discharge pipes of DN50 or DN80

Dimensions in millimetres

Sample port	Nominal pipe size (DN)	Inner wall of ballast discharge pipe to face of access flange max ^a	Equipment operating area extending outward from face of access flange min	Clearance through port diameter min
	(A)	(B)	(C)	(d)
Perpendicular	50	300	600	49
45 °	50	400	800	49
Inline	50, 80	400	800 + 2D	49
D = Inner diameter of ballast discharge pipe.				
^a For inline sample port installed with a tee use: centreline of perpendicular pipe to face of access flange maximum.				