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DGS Order No. 01 of 2019

Sub: Relaxation of requirement of sub-rule (5) of Rule 4 of Merchant Shipping (Continuous Discharge Certificate) Rules, 2017, for seafarers who have worked on International Cruise Ships before coming into force of said rules.


1. Whereas, the Ministry of Shipping, Government of India vide G.S.R. 883(E) dated 14.07.2017 has notified Merchant Shipping (Continuous Discharge Certificate) Rules, 2017.
2. Whereas, the said rules have come into force with effect from 11.01.2018, in accordance with sub-rule (2) of Rule 1 of said rules.
3. Whereas, sub-rule (5) of Rule 4 prescribes that ‘an applicant must have passed 10th standard’, in order to meet the eligibility conditions for obtaining Continuous Discharge Certificate under the said rules.
4. Whereas, the circumstances has arisen in which the requirement of meeting eligibility condition prescribed by sub-rule (5) of Rule 4 ought to be dispensed with, for those seafarers who have worked on International Cruise Ships before coming into force of said rules.
5. Whereas, sub-section (1) of Section 456 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 read with Government of India’s Notification S.O. 3144 dated 17.12.1960, empowers the Director General of Shipping, by order in writing and upon such condition as he may think fit to impose, exempt any ship or sailing vessel or any master, tindal or seamen from any specified requirement contained in or prescribed in pursuance of the said Act.
6. Whereas, the eligibility condition for obtaining Continuous Discharge Certificate has been prescribed in pursuance of the said Act through Merchant Shipping (Continuous Discharge Certificate) Rules, 2017.
7. Now therefore, the undersigned, in exercise of power conferred under sub-section (1) of Section 456 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 read with Government of India’s Notification S.O. 3144 dated 17.12.1960, issues the following exemption in relation to eligibility condition for obtaining Continuous Discharge Certificate under said rules;
 - 7.1. The requirement that ‘an applicant must have passed 10th standard’, as prescribed under sub-rule (5) of Rule 4 of Merchant Shipping (Continuous Discharge Certificate) Rules, 2017, is hereby

dispensed with, for those seafarers who have worked on international cruise ship before 11.01.2018, subject to meeting the following conditions;

7.1.1. The requirements as prescribed under sub-rule (1) to sub-rule (4) of Rule 4 has been complied with by the seafarer applying for the issuance of Continuous Discharge Certificate, and

7.1.2. The evidence of having worked on international cruise ship before 11.01.2018, is produced at the time of filing of the application for issuance of Continuous Discharge Certificate, as mentioned in online system of filing up of application.

8. This order shall come into force with immediate effect.


(Amitabh Kumar) 01/3/19
Director General of Shipping