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Subject: **Issuance of seafarers identity document(SID) to Indian seafarers – reg.**

The Convention No. 185 of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) on SID lays down the specifications for an internationally uniform document. It also introduces modern security features of the SID. The said SID convention has since been ratified by India.

2. An amendment to the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 was carried out by inserting section 99 A, through the Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 2007 (40 of 2007) dated 24.09.2007. The Merchant Shipping (Seafarers Bio-metric Identity Document) Rules, 2016 have been formulated with due deliberations with the stakeholders and stands notified on 11th April 2016.

3. The SID project has been taken up in collaboration with Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC), Mumbai. The SID e-module has been developed and is ready with its required features. For issue of SID, three data collection centers (offices of the Shipping Master at Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai) have been setup. The SID will be issued by the Government Shipping Offices, Mumbai, Kolkata & Chennai. SID data collection centers will be further extended to other MMD offices. The issuance of SID involves the collection of biometric and demographic details of the seafarers, their verification and then issuance of SID to them.

4. The issuance of SID has been formally launched on 05.04.2019. An application for issuance of SID can be made by an applicant online. The applicant

may login to www.dgshippingbsid.in. The instructions/guidelines for the application are available in the said BSID module itself. A copy of the same is annexed as annexure – II with this notice.

5. The eligible Indian seafarers may apply and obtain SID. For any query or technical issues related to BSID, the same may be mailed to bsid-mum@cdac.in
6. This issues with the approval of Director General of Shipping.

Yours faithfully,



(Subhash Barguzer)
Deputy Director General of Shipping(Crew)

Encl: As above