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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

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Dated: 12.09.2019

DGS Order No. 04 of 2019

**Subject:** Carriage of Livestock by the vessels registered under  
The Merchant Shipping Act. 1958...reg

Whereas the object of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, as amended is to foster the development of shipping and ensure the safe & efficient Indian mercantile marine in a manner best suited to serve the national interests;

2. Whereas the Directorate General of Shipping [DGS], Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India is the designated maritime administration of the country to administer the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, as amended, as facilitator and regulator of the merchant shipping in India;

3. Whereas livestock may be transported as part of the cargo on various classes of vessels.

4. Whereas the vessels which may be used for transportation of livestock need to follow certain standards, so as to make them seaworthy as well as meet the requirements of livestock for the voyage (food, water, sawdust bedding, drainage, medication, ventilation, etc.) for their safe transportation.

5. Whereas all classes of livestock carriers must meet the minimum facilities requirements to make these vessels fit for safe & efficient environment friendly transportation of livestock for the purpose of export, import or movement on the coast of India.

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6. Whereas the safety of vessel at sea including the well-being of the livestock is the paramount consideration for the administration.

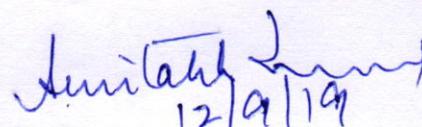
7. Whereas para 2.12.1 of International Maritime Organisation's Resolution MEPC.295 (71) adopted on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 stress that animals presented for loading as cargo should be managed in accordance with international standards for the transport of animals at sea i.e. "Guidelines for the Transport of Animals by Sea" formulated by World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) as part of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2010.

8. Whereas Chapter 7.2 of the said Code specifically deals with the recommendations on Transport of Animal by Sea which inter-alia include Vessel and Container Design and Maintenance.

9. Now therefore, the Guidelines as per Annexure-I to this order shall be complied by all kind of vessels engaged in transportation of livestock including sailing vessels.

10. The foregoing measures have been put in place to ensure safe, secure, environmentally sound and hindrance free carriage of livestock, and in public interest.

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

  
12/9/19  
(Amitabh Kumar)

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To;

1. All the stakeholders through DGS website
2. Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, North Block, New Delhi.
3. All Mercantile Marine Departments
4. All Recognized Organizations