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Draft Notification for the Formation of a Working Group on Regulatory GAP Assessment in Offshore Sector

Subject: Formation of a Working Group on Regulatory GAP Assessment in the Offshore Sector on a Volunteer Basis

In order to enhance the safety, operational efficiency, and regulatory compliance of the offshore sector, the Directorate General of Shipping is constituting a **Working Group** for the **Regulatory GAP Assessment in Offshore Sector**. The group will focus on the training and competency requirements for offshore personnel, with specific attention to areas not covered by the STCW (Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping for Seafarers) Convention. The formation of this working group is on a volunteer basis, and we invite interested and qualified stakeholders to contribute.

A. Objective:

The primary objectives of this working group are as follows:

- Analyze prevailing Training and Competency Structures:** To assess the prevailing frameworks related to offshore operations such as Drilling rigs, FPSO (Floating Production Storage and Offloading units), Operation of Diving Support Vessels, DP (Dynamic Positioning) Operations, Pipe laying, Off Shore Support vessels and Oil Spill Response etc.
- Suggest Implementation and Evaluation Guidelines:** To verify and suggest, whether identified training programs are implemented effectively, and their impact is measured accurately. Training Needs Assessment (TNA) will play a critical role in identifying necessary training modules, target personnel, delivery methods, and existing and ideal evaluation protocols.

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B. Terms of Reference:

1. **Training and Competency Needs Assessment:** To assess and identify gaps in the prevailing training and competency for aspects those are not covered under the STCW Convention but are critical to the offshore industry, particularly in areas of operational, occupational health, and safety.
 2. **Regulatory GAP Assessment:** To conduct an assessment of regulatory gaps that are relevant to training and competency standards in the offshore sector, recommending improvements for compliance and regulatory backing.
 3. **Further Suggestions:** To suggest any additional measures that may enhance the training framework, safety procedures, or regulatory guidelines for the offshore sector.
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C. Desired Outcome:

The expected outcomes of this working group include:

1. Development of **Training Modules** tailored to the needs identified by the group.
 2. Suggestions to ensure **Uniformity Across the Offshore Industry** in training and competency levels, thereby maintaining consistent safety and efficiency standards.
 3. Suggestions for facilitating the **Smooth Implementation** of standardized training programs across the sector.
 4. Enhancing **Accountability and Transparency** by clearly defining roles and responsibilities for training and compliance, accreditation and implementation.
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D. Invitation for Volunteers:

We encourage professionals and stakeholders from the offshore industry, including experts in operations, safety, training, and regulatory compliance, to volunteer for this working group. Your participation will be instrumental in shaping the future safety and competency framework for offshore personnel in India.

Interested individuals or organizations are requested to submit their expressions of interest on the following link <https://forms.gle/4k6zmDf5NWBr729L6> , by 6th October 2024.

This draft notification is issued with the approval of the Director General of Shipping.
