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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

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Dated:08.04.2025

Sub.: Request for comments on Draft MS Rules on STCW Compliance Board-reg.

This is to inform you that the draft MS Rules pertaining to the establishment and functioning of the STCW Compliance Board, has been uploaded on the Directorate General of Shipping's website for stakeholders comments/suggestions. The proposed MS Rules introduces the constitution of the STCW Compliance Board under Rule 75 of the Merchant Shipping (STCW) Rules, 2014.

The STCW Compliance Board is envisaged to function as a consultative and advisory body to the Director General of Shipping for effective implementation of the relevant provisions under the Act.

The Directorate General of Shipping requests all the stakeholders to provide your valuable comments and suggestions on the draft MS Rules on STCW Compliance Board. Feedback should be submitted to email singh.deependra@gov.in and training-dgs@nic.in, no later than **07th May, 2025**. Your inputs will be valuable in finalizing the Rules.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Deependra Singh Bisen
8 April 25

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Deputy Director General of Shipping (Trg.)

Encl.: As above.

To,
IT & E-Gov. Branch-for uploading on the DGS website.

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TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZATTE OF INDIA, PART II, SECTION 3, [SUB-SECTION (i)]

Government of India

Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Notification

New Delhi, the [] th April, 2025

G.S.R. _____(E).— In exercise of the powers conferred under Sections 87, 457 and 458 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules to amend the Merchant Shipping (Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers) Rules, 2014 namely:-

1. **Short Title and Commencement.** —
2. These rules may be called the Merchant Shipping (Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers) Amendment Rules, 2025.
3. They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
4. In the Merchant Shipping (Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers) 2014 (hereinafter referred to as the principal rules), in rule 4, after sub- rule (48), the following sub-rule shall be added;

“(48 - A) “STCW Compliance Board” means the Board constituted under rule 75 of these rules, for the purposes of effectively implementing Part VI of the Act and the rules made thereunder.”

In the principal rules, in rule 75, after sub-rule (1), the following sub-rules shall be added;

“(2)For the purposes of sub-rule (1) above, the STCW Compliance Board constituted hereby, shall function as a consultative and advisory body to the Director General of Shipping on such subject matters, which the Director General of Shipping, may issue by general or special order, from time to time. .

(3) The STCW Compliance Board constituted under sub-rule (2) above, shall be chaired by the Director General of Shipping and shall comprise of the following members:

- i. Additional Directorate General of Shipping, Co-chairman
- ii. Chief Surveyor, Co-chairman
- iii. Nautical Advisor , Co-chairman
- iv. Chief Ship Surveyor, Member
- v. Deputy Director General of Shipping, (Training), Member Secretary
- vi. All Surveyors (Dy. CS, Dy. NA, E&SS, NS & SS) Member
- vii. All Deputy Director General of Shipping, Member and / or
- viii. Such other officer(s) or person(s), who may be appointed as additional member (s) by the Director General of Shipping, by issuance of general or special order; for such period and subject to such terms and conditions, as may be deemed necessary:

Provided that in the absence of the Chairman, any member, who is duly authorised by the Director General of Shipping, may chair the meetings of the STCW Compliance Board.

[F. No. _____]

RAJESH KUMAR SINHA, Addl. Secy.

Note: The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) vide number G.S.R. 546(E), dated the 30th July, 2014 and last amended vide notification number G.S.R. 97(E), dated the 10th February, 2020.