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To

1. INSA
2. FOSMA
3. MASSA
4. All registered RPS
5. All maritime Training Institutes

Subject : Indian National Database of Seafarers [INDoS]

Sir,

I am directed to state that in compliance with the Regulation I/9 of STCW, 1978, as amended in 1995, INDOS system was introduced by this Directorate vide M.S.Notice No.2 of 2001, in the form of computerized INDOS database with details of seafarers and their certification, for the quick reference by the statutory authorities such as Flag State, Port State, Immigration, employers of seafarers, etc. The main purpose of this system is to prevent the use of fraudulent certificates at sea by seafarers.

2. It is observed that the progress of INDOS database is very slow and large number of seafarers have still not obtained the INDOS Number.
3. The advantages of the above system to the employer, when fully implemented, are that they will have a ready reference of the certificates held by employees, and help in complying with the requirements of ISM Code and STCW-95, where the onus of verifications of authenticity of certificates of employees rests on the employer.
4. In view of the above, you are requested to furnish details of all the seafarers who have not yet obtained INDOS Number. Further, INSA/FOSMA/MASSA & RPS agencies are requested to instruct their member companies and clients, not to employ any seafarer unless he/she possesses the INDOS Number.
5. All approved maritime training institutes are also requested to do a tracer study of the students who have previously passed out without enlisting under INDOS, so as to identify such "INDOS less" students and address them separately through the aegis of a DGS, INDOS Cell, through training institutes *pur se*.
6. Your co-operation in the matter is highly appreciated for full implementation of this database.

**Sd/-**

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