

M.S. Notice 11 of 2003

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Sub: New approval to GP Rating Course and Saloon Rating Course

After opening the maritime training to private sector in 1996-97, there has been mammoth growth in number of maritime training institutes, specially in short term pre-sea training for ratings.

As on date, more than 30 institutes are doing courses for rating i.e. GP Rating and Saloon Rating, having annual capacity of about 8000. Time and again, issues have been raised regarding over capacity of training institutes for courses for GP Rating and Saloon Rating and excess supply of rating. It is a known fact that now there is over supply of ratings in the market than the job available internationally. The same has been confirmed by study conducted by BIMCO.

In view of above, it has been decided that with immediate effect, from the date of issue of this M.S. Notice, no proposal from any new training institutes shall be entertained for fresh approval for courses of G.P. Rating and Saloon Rating. Similarly, such proposals received from institutes for which no "In Principle Approval" has been accorded or which are in preliminary stage of approval, will also not be processed.

Similarly, no proposal for augmentation in intake capacity in GP Rating Course and Saloon Rating Course shall be entertained from any of the existing training institute.

The above instructions shall be valid for a period of 2 years from the date of issue. The position shall be again reviewed after ascertaining the market conditions and the industry's requirement after the above period.

This issues with the approval of Director General of Shipping and ex.officio Additional Secretary to Govt. of India.

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