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Sub: IMO's requirements on ISM Implementation

The Maritime Safety committee (MSC), at its seventy-fifth session (15to24 May 2002), agreed that, at the end of the second implementation phase of the ISM Code on 1st July 2002 covering the balance of the world merchant fleet, an analysis should be undertaken to assess the impact of ISM code on the safety of ships to ascertain its contribution to the enhancement of safety in the shipping industry.

The IMO Secretariat vide circular letter No.2625 dated 02.03.2005 has advised all IMO members to collect information on the impact of ISM code on - certificated ships vis--vis detentions, serious deficiencies, casualties etc, as well as on any assessment of the impact of the ISM code and its effectiveness on ships.

In order to make meaningful assessment, the Secretary General has established an independent expert group comprising of experts from government, organizations, universities and shipping industries and the IMO Secretariat to collect and analyze data to study the impact of the ISM code and its effectiveness and submit a report to Secretary General with the findings of the study.

In light of the foregoing, **it is imperative to obtain information from all those who are associated with the implementation of ISM code to support an objective assessment.**

In order to fulfill our commitment to IMO, ISM cell of the Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai, requires that matter related to;

Ship detention under PSC/FSI

Serious deficiencies leading to ISM non-conformity

Accident & Incident reports Causalities etc,

along with the PSC/FSI report and analysis of the non-conformance by the shipping company, as required by clause 9 of ISM code, be forwarded to this cell independently for further analysis. The above information is collected by ISM cell for providing important data for analysis to IMO Secretariat at international level and development of suitable guidance for Indian flag vessels at national level in future.

This circular is issued with the approval of Chief Surveyor with Govt of India.

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