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Sub: Certificate of Competency as Cook in the merchant navy-reg.

This office DGS Order No. 07 of 2012 [F.No. CR/MIS/1/2009] dated 17.12.12 and DGS Order No. 07 of 2013 [F.No. CR/MIS/1/2009] dated 21.03.13 have streamlined the procedures outlined for obtaining Certificates of Competency (CoC) as Cooks in the merchant marine. Serving seafarers with sea service but without any qualification were also included in the eligibility pool for obtaining such CoCs as Cooks, vide paras no. 5.2.1, 5.2.2. & 5.2.3 of the said DGS order 07 of 2012 and para no. 3.2. of the DGS Order No. 07 of 2013. However, the seafarers concerned were enabled to apply for CDCs upto 31.03.14.

2. As per the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), 2006, of the International Labour Organization (ILO), each Member State has to ensure that the seafarers employed on board its own flag ships as Cooks are trained and qualified for their said on board position. The MLC, 2006, has come into force globally with effect from 20.08.13 and will be fully implemented with effect from 20.08.14 [after the initial window period of one year]. The Govt. Shipping Offices [offices of the Shipping Masters] are continuing to receive applications from such a category of seafarers for the issuance of CoCs as Cooks even after the expiry of the said due date.

3. Cognizant of the fact that such seafarers may seek such CoCs on an ongoing basis *albert vis-à-vis* the eligibility criteria set for the purpose, it may not be feasible to limit the issuance thereof to a specific deadline. In the light of the foregoing, the Director-General of Shipping, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by clause (i) of section 456 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 read with the Notification issued by the Govt. of India vide S.O. No. 3 dated 17.12.60 delegating the said power to him, is pleased, *mutatis-mutandis* to do away with the said time limit for the receipt of applications from eligible seafarers under this category of CoCs, by the Shipping Masters, Govt. Shipping Offices, Chennai, Kolkata & Mumbai.

4. Such CoCs as Cooks in the merchant navy shall be issued in the revised format stipulated in this office in M.S. Notice No. 07 of 2014 [F. No. CR/Misc/01/2009] dated 13.05.14.

5. All the other terms & conditions prescribed in the said DGS Order No. 7 of 2012 & DGS Order No. 07 of 2013 remain unchanged.

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