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### Crew Branch Circular No. 01 of 2014

Sub: Deployment of technicians repair teams etc., on board Indian flag merchant ships/dredgers etc., plying in the India coast-issues related to possession of continuous discharge certificates [CDCs] clarification - req.

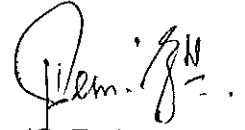
It has come to the notice of this office that Indian flag dredgers which are carrying out certain specialized works such as dredging operations etc., within the harbour limits of Indian ports and other Indian flag merchant ships which are plying in the Indian coast are engaging expert personnel to functionalize customized technical jobs and skilled repair teams (flying squads) to carry out maintenance & repair works on board. These specialized manpower are not engaged within the ambit of the operating crew of the respective vessels, but are treated as supernumeraries. Hence, such personnel are not covered by the provisions of section 99 of the Merchant Shipping [M.S.] Act, for possession of Continuous Discharge Certificates (CDCs). These supernumeraries are engaged by the owners/operators of such dredgers/ships, in pursuance of the guidelines provided thereto in this Office Crew Branch Circular No. 5 of 2009 (F.No.23(30)CR/2003 -II) dated 01.07.09 (Annexure-I :3 pages).

2. It is learnt, contextually, that immigration authorities at various ports, across the country, are following different standards for the, verification of documents while such personnel embark/disembark dredgers/ships at the Indian ports. In several cases, it is learnt that the possession of CDCs by such personnel is insisted upon by the immigration authorities concerned, whereas the same are not required by such personnel, due to the clarity of the position set out in the preceding para I.

3. Considering the above facts, it is advised that the immigration authorities at all the Indian ports may please take note of the facts explained herein above and not insist on the possession of CDCs by such personnel.

4. It may also be mentioned here that as per this office DGS Order No. 18 of 2013 (F.No.SS/MISC (42)/2003-Pt.) dated 31.07.13 (Annexure-II: 03 pages), the crew of inland vessels sailing on the river-sea belt (which includes dredgers) in the Indian coastal waters are also exempt from the possession of CDCs, provided that such personnel are in the possession of photo-identify documents issued by either a Central or State Government authority. The said guidelines may also please be taken into consideration while the immigration authorities at the Indian Ports verify documents, so that any undue hard ship to such ship board personnel is averted/mitigated.

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



(C. Rethinadhas)

Deputy Director General of Shipping (Crew)

Encl: As above.

To;

All FRROs through Central Bureau of immigration, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, North Block, Central Secretariat, New Delhi, 110001.

Copy to;

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2. Indian Port Association 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, South Tower, NBCC Place, Bhishma Pitamah Marg, Lodgi Road, New Delhi- 110003.
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Crew Circular 5 of 2009

NO:23(30)/CR/2003-III	Dated:01.07.2009
Subject:-Guidelines for placement of Supernumeraries on board Indian flag vessels--reg.	
<p data-bbox="213 526 1315 606">This circular supercedes this Directorate's earlier Crew Branch <u>Circular 4 of 2007</u> dated 20.08.2007 on the subject.</p> <p data-bbox="213 659 1315 827">2. Consequent to DGS-INSA meeting held on 30.04.2008, it has been decided that no prior permission of DGS is required by owners to place supernumeraries on board their vessels. Owners, henceforth, could place supernumeraries on board their ships, subject to self certification that following guidelines are strictly complied with;</p> <p data-bbox="310 871 1315 1136">i) A Supernumerary other than family members of Ship's Officers, other dignitaries and Service Engineers of manufacturer of ship specific machinery/equipment (which does not include generic repair personnel/squads etc.) is required to have undergone following basic familiarization courses as per Paragraph 1 of Section A-VI/1 of the STCW Code and should be in possession of valid certificates;</p> <ul data-bbox="501 1181 1066 1349" style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Personal Survival Techniques.</li><li>• Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting.</li><li>• Elementary First Aid.</li><li>• Personal Safety &amp; Social Responsibility.</li></ul> <p data-bbox="310 1393 1315 1610">In cases of family members of ships officers, scientists, other dignitaries, and service Engineers of manufacturer of ship specific machinery/equipment (which does not include generic repair personnel/squads etc who are required to board the vessels for specific purpose, appropriate familiarization training to be imparted on board vessels by the Master of the vessel.</p> <p data-bbox="310 1654 1315 1778">ii) The Master of the vessel will ensure that supernumerary(s) are carrying out the assigned functions, keeping in view the safety practices specified in the safety manual of the ship under the ISM Code.</p> <p data-bbox="310 1822 1315 1869">iii) Total number of individuals (souls) on board the vessel including the Master,</p>	

Officers, crew, family members of officers and other Supernumeraries shall not exceed (a) LSA Capacity of the vessel as per the Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate and (b) the certified accommodation of the vessel excluding family members, who are to be accommodated with the respective officers.

- iv) In exceptional cases, where the total number of individuals (souls) on board the vessel exceeds the certified accommodation, due to supernumeraries, as per the Certificate of Indian Registry, the ship owner shall ensure that the accommodation facility being provided to the supernumerary(s), will not come in the way of accommodation of crew.
- v) The Shipowner/Manager should ensure that appropriate insurance cover from Indian insurance companies or from P&I club of the vessel is obtained for such supernumeraries, for the proposed period of voyage as applicable to the seafarers constituting the regular crew, as per the NNB/MUI agreement.
- vi) The Shipowner/Manager should ensure that in the contract of agreement with the supernumerary(s), requisite clause is incorporated to indicate the responsibility for the repatriation of stranded supernumerary(s) or provision for repatriation of mortal remains of the deceased supernumerary(s), as the case may be.
- vii) The Shipowner will also ensure that the mess facilities provided to the supernumerary(s) will not be at the cost of the facilities being provided to the officers and crew of the vessel.
- viii) It shall be ensured that the supernumerary(s) shall have no claim to apply for a Continuous Discharge Certificate-cum-Seafarers' Identity Document (CDC).
- ix) Placement of supernumerary(s) on board the vessel should be bare minimum, clearly linked with the nature of work to be executed and also specify the duration of stay which is necessary to carry out the work when in any case should not exceed 4 months.

3. Shipowners may kindly note that carriage of supernumeraries, in violation of these guidelines, would be viewed seriously by the DGS. In case of any Port State Control

detention of the vessel on account of carriage of supernumeraries in violation of these guidelines or during any audit of the record of supernumeraries vis a vis mandatory provisions, the company's General Trading License would be liable to be forthwith suspended by DGS.

4. Shipowners would forward quarterly returns (Annex 'A') to the Directorate, indicating names of supernumerary, name of vessel, name of company and duration for which supernumeraries have been carried on board Indian vessel.

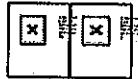
5. This issues with the approval of Director General of Shipping & Ex-Officio Addl. Secretary to Government of India.

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(Capt. H. Khatri)

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SS/MISC(42)/2003-Pt.

31.07.2013

DG Shipping Order No. 18 of 2013

Sub: Notification for Construction, Survey, Certification and Operation of Indian River-Sea Vessels - Type 1, 2, 3 & 4

Noting that seamless transition of goods from inland waters by River-Sea Crafts will integrate the sea segment of the supply chain and provide an additional means of hinterland connectivity for transport of goods into the country;

Recognizing that seamless integration of River-Sea Trade using Coastal Ships will play a major role in the growth of Indian economy and provide an alternative means of quick discharge and dispersal of cargo from mother ships at major ports and its carriage by the sea route to various ports along the sea board;

Considering the reservations expressed by the Coastal Shipping Industry with regard to the prevailing Merchant Shipping legislation applicable to coastal ships which makes coastal shipping uneconomical due to high cost of construction and operation;

Realizing that high construction and operating cost of ships is a major impediment for the expansion of coastal and inland shipping in India;

Recognizing that reduction in the operation and construction cost of coastal vessels by defining a distinct River-Sea vessel would encourage coastal shipping, inland water transport and trade as well as ship building and thus further the growth of the maritime sector.

Further recognizing that construction and safety standards, which are currently applicable to coastal ships under the M.S. Rules can be moderated without affecting the safety of the ship in order to reduce the cost of ships construction and operation and also allow up-gradation of existing inland vessels for coastal operation, keeping in view the restricted operation of River-Sea vessels;

Further realizing that the River-sea vessel Notification (DGS Order No 6 of 2010) issued on 15.11.2010 required further revision since certain operational and pollution prevention measures required further review.

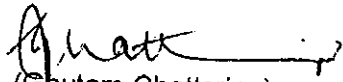
Further recognizing that scope of River-Sea vessels are to be expanded in order to address varying needs of the trade and cover more vessels.

2. Now the Director General of Shipping, in exercise of the powers vested in him under the provisions of Section 456 of the M.S Act 1958, read together with S.O. 3144 dated 17.12.1960 hereby exempts Indian ships, other than passenger vessels, gas carriers and off shore

support/supply vessels, operating along the Indian coast and within the territorial limits of India from the following provisions of the M. S. Act, 1958 as amended, and dispenses with the requirements to observe the M.S. Act provisions contained in the Sections specifically listed here-to-below (Column 2) provided strict compliance is shown to the requirements and stipulations detailed in Annexes 1 to 15 (Column-4) of the table given below. (The Annexes can be downloaded from the DGS website [www.dgshipping.gov.in](http://www.dgshipping.gov.in))

(1) S/no	(2) Exempted sections of the MS Act	(3) Title	(4) Alternate Provisions
1		Preamble and General Provisions	Annex-1
2	Section-76	Safe Manning	Annex-2
3	Section-175	Accommodation Rules	Annex-3
4	Sections-284 & 311	Construction Rules	Annex-4
5	Section-285	Prevention of Collisions	Annex-5
6	Sections-288, 289 & 290	Life Saving Appliances	Annex-6
7	Section- 289 & 290	Fire Fighting Appliances	Annex-7
8	Section-291	Radio Communications	Annex-8
9	Section -356	Safety of Navigation	Annex-9
10	Sections-299A, 300, 303, 307(2), 307(3) & 318	Survey and Certification	Annex-10
11	Sections-356C, 356E & 356F	Prevention of Pollution	Annex-11
12		DSM Code	Annex-12
13	Section 344O, 344Q & 344R	Ship Security	Annex-13
14	Section 331, 332, R	Carriage of Cargoes	Annex-14
15	Section 99 & 100	CDC and Articles of Agreement	Annex -15

3. This order supersedes DGS Order No.6 of 2010.

  
(Gautam Chatterjee)  
Director General of Shipping &  
ex. officio Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India  
31.07.2013

Enclosure: Annexes 1 to 15 (90 pages)

## **ANNEX : 15 CDC and Articles of Agreement**

### **15.1 Equivalence**

- 15.1.1 Pursuant to the exemption of RSVs from the provisions of Section 99 and 100 of MS Act and Rules made thereunder.

### **15.2 Application**

- 15.2.1 This Annexure shall apply to IV crew engaged on all the RSVs.

### **15.3 Continuous Discharge Certificate-cum-Seafarers Identity Document (CDC-cum-SID)**

- 15.3.1 The IV crew engaged on RSVs are exempted from possession of a CDC-cum-SID, provided, they are in possession of any photo identity card issued by a State or Central Government.

### **15.4 Articles of Agreement**

- 15.4.1 The IV crew engaged on RSVs are exempted from entering into an article of Agreement as prescribed under the Act, provided there exists an Agreement, in a form acceptable to both the IV crew and the employer.