

**ENGG. Circular No 02 of 2016**

Director General of shipping, Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India, Mumbai

**ISM Cell**

Authorized by the  
Director General  
of shipping, GOI

**Subject: Domestic Document of Compliance (DDOC) for ships operating under survey and certification as River Sea vessels (RSV)/ Coastal Vessels(CV)**

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The Directorate General of Shipping has notified RSV Notification 2013 vide DGS Order 18 of 2013 dated 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013 for River-Sea Vessels(RSV) and Indian Coastal Vessel Rules 2014 vide DGS Order 01 of 2014 dated 04<sup>th</sup> March 2014 for Indian Coastal Vessels (CV) to improve the Indian coastal trade and Shipping.

As per the said notification the Type-3 and Type-4 River Sea Vessels and Indian Coastal Vessels of 500GT and above are required to comply with the provisions of the Domestic Safety Management Code (DSM code) as prescribed in said notifications. Also, the owners/Managers of such vessels are required to have Domestic Document of Compliance (DDOC) to operate such vessels under their management.

The Directorate has received numerous queries from various stakeholders viz. Ship owners, Ship Managers, Recognized organizations (RO'S) etc. whether the Domestic Document of Compliance (DDOC) for River-sea Vessels and Domestic Document of Compliance (DDOC) Coastal vessels are separately required or any one of the Domestic Document of Compliance (DDOC) will be considered for the operation of coastal vessels as well as River Sea Vessels (RSV).

Considering the above, the Directorate clarifies that since the requirements in the Domestic Safety Management (DSM) code under both the notifications for coastal vessels and river sea vessels are same, both these certificates should be treated as one and the same. The Company should be in possession of either Domestic Document of Compliance (DDOC) coastal vessels or Domestic Document of Compliance (DDOC), Type 3 and Type 4 river sea vessels to operate such vessels.

Henceforth the Directorate will issue the Domestic Document of Compliance (DDOC) with all these three types of vessels viz. Coastal vessels(CV), River Sea Vessels (RSV) Type 3 and Type 4 mentioned in the certificate.

Also if the Companies with any one of the above Domestic Document of Compliance (DDOC) wish to include the other type of vessels in their existing DDOC, they can do by submitting the existing certificate along with the requisite fees, without undergoing any audit.

Also all certification and review requirements remain unchanged and will be same as in the Annex 12 Domestic Safety Management Code (DSM) code mentioned in the RSV Notification 2013, DGS Order 18 of 2013 dated 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013 for River-Sea Vessels(RSV) and the Annex 11 Domestic Safety Management Code (DSM) code mentioned in the Indian Coastal Vessel Rules 2014, DGS Order 01 of 2014 dated 04<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.

This is issued with the approval of the competent authority and comes into effect from the date of issue of this circular.



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3. All Recognised Organizations.
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