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Sub: Draft new procedure for uploading seafarers engagement and discharge data [Article of Agreement and Form – I, RPSL] – reg.

Whereas, the submission of details of seafarers engagement and discharge on Indian flag vessels has been functional in DGS e-governance module to facilitate the Indian ship owners and their authorised agent to electronically submit the data into DGS e-governance system.

And whereas, similarly the details of seafarers engagement and discharge on foreign flag vessels are also being submitted by the RPSLs in Form – I electronically.

And whereas, there is no timeframe vide which the seafarers' data is submitted by end users into the e-governance system of DGS, which leads disparity and inconvenience to the seafarers for their subsequent employment and also for counting of sea service for various purposes.

And whereas, it is noted that some of the RPS are employing seafarers more than the number of seafarers covered under the bank guarantee deposited by them for protection of their wages & repatriation cost under M.S.(R&PS) rules.

And whereas, it has been reported by the seafarers a number of times that their data in the past has not been submitted by the company/RPS concerned.

Now therefore, a new procedure as below for submission of seafarers data in respect of their engagement and discharge is formulated which is functional from now

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