

	<b>Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai</b> <b>Ministry of Shipping,</b> <b>Govt. of India</b>	IS/ISO Clause No.7.1
Authorized by the Chief Examiner of Master mates and Engineers.	<b>Subject:</b> Issuance of Certificate of Endorsement (COE) to Indian citizens in possession of Certificate of Competency (COC), issued under STCW Regulation II/2 and III/2, from Australia, Singapore, Ireland and New Zealand, in addition to UK to sail on Indian flag vessels.	<b>File No:</b> ENG/EXAM/CI RC-25(1)/2017 <b>Dated:-</b>
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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. In the year 2014, the Directorate received representations from various stakeholders including INSA to allow engagement of Indians, holding certificate of competency (COC) issued under STCW Regulation II/2 and III/2 from Australia, Singapore, Ireland and New Zealand, in addition to UK, to sail on Indian Flag vessels as a measure to address inadequacy in the availability of management level officers to man Indian Flag vessels.
- 1.2. After due deliberation, the Director General of Shipping in his/her powers under Section 456 of MS Act, 1958 had partially relaxed Section 86(1) (a) and allowed issuance of COE to Indian Nationals holding Australia, Singapore, Ireland and New Zealand COC to sail on India Flag vessels in addition to UK COC holders on fulfillment of certain specific conditions such as deployment of one Nautical Cadet or one Engineering Cadet/Trainee Marine Engineer/Junior Engineer during each period of such deployment.
- 1.3. In view of above relaxation, the Directorate had issued following circulars apart from DGS order 2 of 2015 & DGS order 1 of 2012 (meant only for Indians holding UK COC):
- 1.3.1. NT/ENG Circular No. 02 of 2014 dated 27.05.2014.
  - 1.3.2. Engineering Circular No. 04 of 2014 dated 23.04.2014.
  - 1.3.3. Engineering Circular No. 04A of 2014 dated 02.06.2014.
  - 1.3.4. Corrigendum to NT/ENG Circular No. 02 of 2014 dated 04.08.2014.
- 1.4. The above relaxation was valid until 31 December 2016.

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1.5. In 2017, INSA and other stakeholders vide their representation to the Director General of Shipping requested extension to the aforesaid relaxation for a further three-year period citing continuous shortage of management level officers to man Indian Flag vessels. Noting the shortage of management level officers to man Indian Flag vessels and after due deliberations, the Director General of Shipping extended issuance of Certificate of Endorsement till 31.12.2019, vide NT/ENG Circular No. 3 of 2017 dated 12.10.2017.

1.6. To consolidate all the requirements, following circulars were superseded by NT/ENG Circular No. 3 of 2017:

- (i) All circulars and DGS Order mentioned in paragraph 1.3.
- (ii) Corrigendum No. 2 to NT/ENG Circular No. 02 of 2014 dated 10.02.2016.
- (iii) Training circular No. 7 of 2002 dated 30 July 2002.
- (iv) Training circular No. 57 dated 21 January 2004.
- (v) Training circular No. 90 of dated 2 June 2005.
- (vi) EAC Branch Circular No. 90 dated 2 June 2005.
- (vii) NT/ENG Circular 14 dated 30.08.2013

1.7. Now again INSA vide its letter no. CEO/036/2019/(S-19) dated 5 July 2019 has stated continued difficulties being faced by its members to operate specialized vessels such as LPG, LNG, VLCC & fully Cellular ships due to shortage in availability of experienced management level officers of the ranks of Master/Chief Engineer and Chief Officer/Second Engineer.

1.8. The Director General of shipping in his powers under Section 456 of MS Act, 1958 has now partially relaxed Section 86(1) (a) for a further period of two years enabling Indian Nationals holding COC from Australia, Singapore, Ireland, New Zealand and UK to continue to sail on India Flag vessels till 31 December 2021 on fulfillment of certain specific conditions such as deployment of one Nautical Cadet or one Engineering Cadet/Trainee Marine Engineer/Junior Engineer during each period of such deployment of above COE holder.

1.9. This circular hereby supersedes NT/ENGG Circular No. 3 of 2017 and all other circulars, which have been superseded, vide NT/ENGG Circular 3 of 2017.

**2. Applicability:** This circular is applicable to:

2.1 Management level officers (Master, Chief Engineer, Chief Officer and Second Engineer) holding COC issued under STCW Regulation II/2 or Regulation III/2

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