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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

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DGS Crew Branch Circular No. 29 of 2020

Subject: Relaxation to update the e-profiles of seafarers who got stuck during the COVID-19 pandemic lock down in various countries - reg.

1. The corona virus (COVID-19) pandemic has created a global crisis which has impacted all aspects of life and badly affected the work environment. In the maritime sector, it has severely impacted the ship to shore interactions, including crew changes.
2. The seafarers who had signed-off from the vessel due to completion of their contractual period and due to non-availability / suspensions of international flights, got stuck up in various countries.
3. As a result of foregoing, the Ship owners / RPS agencies are facing difficulties in updating the “Sign-off Ship” and “Sign-off Shore” dates / details in E-Profiles of all these seafarers.
4. Considering the prevailing situations and various representations / correspondences received from the RPS Companies regarding the same, the Directorate hereby grants a **one-time relaxation** to all the ship owners / RPS agencies regarding submission of fees / penal amount in the Bharatkosh for delay in signing-off and grants permission for making all these updates in the e-profiles of all seafarers who have signed-off the vessel during lock down.
5. The procedures for applying for such exemptions are as following:
 - 5.1. Request letter on email from RPSL / Ship owner to Crew branch (Email: crews-dgs@nic.in / deepak.khemu-dgs@gov.in) giving details i.e., name of seafarer, INDoS number, passport number, date of sign-off from ship and date of arrival in India and including the reason for not uploading the sign-off details of seafarer.
 - 5.2. Along with the application request, RPSL / Ship owner also shall enclose the relevant copies of CDC & passport showing date of sign-off from ship and arrival in India.
6. This issues with the approval of Director General of Shipping & Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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