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DGS Order 24 of 2020

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Subject: Availability of courses for Seafarers including trainee seafarers at Maritime Training Institutes during the period of COVID-19 pandemic-reg.

1. Whereas Directorate vide DGS Order 20 of 2020 has facilitated existing seafarers having approved seagoing service in last 5-years to undergo refresher courses at Maritime training Institutes (MTIs) for various Certificate of Proficiency (CoP) via Virtual Class/Live Video Sessions, which has paved the way for Master, Officers and Ratings to revalidate their Certificate of Competency (CoC) / Certificate of Proficiency (CoP) and thus continue with their sea service.
2. Whereas vide DGS Order 20 of 2020, the Directorate has also facilitated seafarers who have recently acquired a CoC but do not possess required approved sea service, as stipulated for revalidation in last 5-years, to do special training courses such as Oil & Chemical Tankers and Liquefied Gas Tankers via Virtual Classes/Live Video-Sessions prior joining Tankers.
3. Whereas while permitting conduct of STCW Courses via Virtual Classes/Live Video Sessions, the Directorate has ensured that the specific requirements for training of seafarer by distance learning and e-learning provided by Section A-I/6 and Section B-I/6-7 of the STCW Code, 1995 as amended are complied with through issuance of following circulars/orders:
 - i) DGS Circular 19 of 2020 dated 18.05.2020: Conduct of Maritime Courses using Virtual Classes/Live Video Session.
 - ii) Paragraph 5 of DGS Circular 24 of 2020 dated 08.06.2020 for conduct of Maritime Courses detailed in this Order for candidates who are unable to use Virtual Class/Live Video Sessions.