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पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्रालय, (पत्तन),

OFFICE OF THE SEAMENS PROVIDENT FUND COMMISSIONER
(UNDER MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS)

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Sub : Provident Fund Contribution payable of Seafarers.

It is observed that few shipping companies are depositing Provident Fund Contributions after the sign off date. It is informed that PF Contributions shall be deposited as per Para 32 of SPF Scheme, 1966 "Every employer shall send to the Commissioner within fifteen days (30 days as amended) from the date of final settlement of wages to seamen, a consolidated return in such form as the Commissioner may specify, of the seamen in respect of whom contributions to the Fund are due and are remitted to the Fund".

2. The notice dated 12.09.2020 was issued during the era when the wages of the Seafarers were settled at the time of sign off. As per Para 35 of SPF Scheme, 1966 the PF contribution shall be paid to the fund within 15 days (amended as end of succeeding calendar month) of the date on which the wages become payable to the Seafarer. Presently, if PF is deducted from the wages of Seafarer monthly, then PF is required to be deposited on monthly basis as per SPF Scheme, 1966.

3. All the companies are directed to deposit the PF Contributions as and when the PF is deducted from the wages of the seafarers.

(Surendra Kumar)
Commissioner

Seamen's Provident Fund Organisation
Mumbai

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