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Subject: - **Guidelines for conduct of Global Maritime Distress and Safety System- Restricted Operators Certificate course and examination & issue of Certificate of Competency- reg.**

1. Introduction:

1.1: International Convention for Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW Convention), 1978, as amended, International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS Convention), 1974, as amended, and Merchant Shipping (Distress & Safety Radio Communication) Rules, 1995, as amended, iterates that "Every person in charge of or performing radio communication duties on a ship required to participate in the GMDSS shall hold an appropriate certificate related to the GMDSS, issued or recognized by the Administration under the provisions of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Radio Regulations.

1.2: The Wireless Planning & Coordination Wing, Ministry of Communications implements the requirement of the provisions of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Radio Regulations, and conducting the GMDSS General Operators Certificate (GOC) and Restricted Operators Certificates (ROC) examinations and issue certificate and Licence to operate radio equipment.

1.3: The Directorate General of Shipping, Ministry of Port, Shipping and Waterways implements the requirement of the provisions of the STCW & SOLAS Convention and issuing required GMDSS Certificate of Competency (COC) and STCW endorsements.

2. Objective of the Course:

A Candidate completing the GMDSS (ROC) course and passed the examination successfully should be able to operate efficiently all radio communication equipments fitted on board ships during emergencies. The GMDSS (ROC) certificate holders can be engaged in River-sea vessels, fishing vessels, Inland vessels & port crafts plying within Sea Area A1 including inland waterways.

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3. Eligibility criteria:

3.1: The eligibility to appear the Restricted Operators Certificates (ROC) examination is set out in the sub-para 2 (iii) & (iv) of Ministry of Communication Gazette notification no. GSR 1088(E) dated 5th November 2018. The sub-paras are quoted in 3.2 & 3.3 as stated under.

3.2: 2(iii)(II): "Passed 10th standard (Secondary School Certificate Examination) or an equivalent examination conducted by a recognized Board or University in India or holds a valid certificate issued by statutory bodies of maritime boards or fisheries of State or Central Government shall be eligible for admission for category of certificate under sub-rule (iv) of rule 3. and;

3.3: 2(iv)(c) has undergone a practical training on GMDSS equipments, in any of the institutes approved by the Central Government for a period not less than one week in case of category of certificate under sub-rule (iv) of rule 3".

4. Course duration:

The duration of course is forty (40) hours and the required training is to be completed in five (5) days. The theory part is twenty (20) hours and practical is twenty (20) hours.

5. Syllabus:

5.1 The syllabus of the GMDSS (ROC) course shall be governed by the IMO Model Course 1.26, guidelines of Ministry of Communications Office Memorandum No. P-14036/01/2018-COP dated 17th August 2023 and Directorate General of Shipping (this) Circular. The training institutes and faculties needs to be guided accordingly.

5.2: The training institutes shall prepare and circulate the handouts among the course participants based on the IMO Model course prior commencement of the course. The course material used for GMDSS (GOC) training can also be used for GMDSS (ROC) training subject to limitation of studies within the scope of GMDSS Sea Area A1.

6. Examination schedule:

The schedule of examination for the calendar year shall be prepared and published by WPC Wing, Ministry of Communications.

7. Examination particulars

7.1: The examination shall be conducted by two examiners. One examiner from WPC (i.e. Examination-in-Charge) and One examiner from DG Shipping.

7.2: The examinations shall be conducted after the completion of the course, and the results thereof declared immediately. The Examiner-in-Charge shall issue a provisional certificate to the successful candidates immediately with validity for six (6) months.

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