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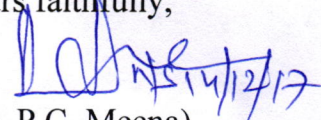
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The Directorate General of Shipping issued M.S. Notice No. 03 of 2012 (F.No.75-NT (1)/2011) dated 27.01.2012 concerning the carriage requirements for Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS) on Indian Ships.

2. Para 5 of the Regulation I/14 of the International Convention on standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers [STCW], 1978, (as amended), imposes responsibilities on companies to ensure that “*seafarers, on being assigned to any of its ships, are familiarized with their specific duties and with all arrangements, installations, equipments etc*”. Also section 6.3 of the International Safety Management code [ISM] stipulates that “*The Company should establish procedures to ensure that new personnel and personnel transferred to new assignments related to safety and protection of the environment are given proper familiarization with their duties*”. Accordingly, the said M.S. Notice No. 03 of 2012 at Para 16, under the heading Training and Certification stipulated that “*all deck officers shall complete training for the ‘specific type’ of ECDIS equipment installed on the Indian ships on which they are working*”.

3. Subsequently, The International Maritime Organization [IMO] has vide para 12 of the Annex to its circular STCW.7/Cir 24/Rev.1 dated 16th June, 2017 clarified that *“No requirement exists for the approved training on ECDIS equipment to be type-specific. The knowledge, understanding and proficiency required to be demonstrated is generalized to ensure seafarers have the necessary skills for basic operation of all type of equipment.”*
4. In view of the clarification from IMO, the requirement of completion of training for the specific type of ECDIS equipment by the deck officers stated at para 16 of the M.S. Notice No. 03 of 2012 is no longer applicable.
5. Companies remain responsible for ensuring that seafarers employed on their ships are familiarized with the installed equipment as stipulated in regulation 1/14 of the STCW convention and section 6.3 of the ISM Code.
6. This issues with the approval of Chief Examiner of the Master and Mates.

Yours faithfully,



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