



Technical Circular

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To whomsoever it may concern

Subject: DGS MS Notice No. 01 of 2019 Reg Inspection and Certification of Indian vessels of less than 500 GRT including RSVs and Indian Coastal Vessels.

- Reference is made to DGS M.S. Notice No. 09 of 2017 providing instructions with respect to inspection and certification of the Maritime Labour Conditions on Indian vessels of less than 500 GRT, Indian River sea vessels (as per DGS order 18 of 2013) and Indian Coastal vessels (as per DGS order 01 of 2014).
- DGS, GOI vide M.S Notice 01/2019, dated 11th Jan, 2019 has now issued a revised guidelines with respect to inspection and certification of the Maritime Labour Conditions for the following vessel categories:
 - a. Indian vessels of less than 500 GRT (vessel registered under M.S. Act including Indian River Sea Vessels as per DGS Order 18 of 2013 and Indian Coastal Vessels as per DGS Order 01 of 2014).
 - b. Indian River sea vessels, Type 1 (DGS order 18 of 2013 as amended) irrespective of their GRT.
- Compliance procedure for implementation is as follows:
 - a. Owners need not apply to MMD for issuance of DMLC Part I. Annexure –I of this notice serves as the required DMLC Part I.
 - b. Format of DMLC Part II to be prepared by owners is given in Annexure II of this notice. Therein ship owner must state the measures adopted to comply with each element of DMLC Part I. The original DMLC Part II shall be placed on board ship. A copy of completed DMLC part II duly signed by owner and copies of financial securities (Seafarer repatriation and Ship owner's liability) required as per rule 12 and 19 of MS Maritime Labour rules 2016 is to be submitted with Registrar of Ships.
 - c. On satisfactory completion of Initial inspection, Statement of Compliance (SOC) will be issued with validity not more than 5 years. In due course, MLC Inspection and certification will be harmonized with the statutory and class surveys of the ships.
 - d. Minimum two inspections shall be carried out in any five years validity period with interval between two inspections not exceeding 3 years.



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- e. Completed Inspection Checklist and SOC (Part A and Part B respectively of the Annexure 3 of this MS Notice) duly filled, stamped and signed by the Surveyor shall be maintained onboard in original as evidence of compliance.
 - f. Owners are advised to start implementation of requirements as per this notice with immediate effect.
 - g. The first onboard verification inspection for vessels (of GRT less than 500 and RSV Type 1 vessels) to which this notice is applicable, will be carried out at the next Annual/Intermediate/Renewal statutory/ class survey, as applicable.
 - h. The “Statement of Compliance” already issued to the vessels (of GRT less than 500 and RSV Type 1 vessels) in accordance with MS Notice 09 of 2017 shall continue to be valid till the due date of next intermediate or renewal statutory/class survey of the vessel as the case may be. After which, inspection and certification as per MS Notice No. 01 of 2019 will be carried out.
 - i. The guidelines and procedures laid down in the M.S. Notice 09 of 2017, dated 16 November 2017 shall continue to be applicable to:
 - i. Indian River sea vessels, Type 2, 3 & 4 (DGS order 18 of 2013 as amended) of 500 GRT and above.
 - ii. Indian Coastal vessels (DGS order 01 of 2014 as amended) of 500 GRT and above.
- Ship owners/ operators and masters are advised to be guided by above.

Enclosure:

1. DG shipping M.S.Notice No. 01 of 2019

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