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Merchant Shipping Notice No. 01 of 2019

Subject: Implementation of the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour) Rules 2016- the inspection and certification of the maritime labour conditions on Indian ships;
(i) of less than 500 GRT including Indian River Sea vessels (DGS order 18 of 2013 as amended) and Indian Coastal Vessels (DGS Order 01 of 2014 as amended) and
(ii) River Sea vessels Type-1 irrespective of their GT-reg.

1. In exercise of the powers conferred by section 218A, read with section 457, of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958), as amended, the Central Government' having regard to the provisions of the Maritime Labour Convention, has notified the Merchant Shipping (Maritime- labour) Rules, 2016, which came into force with effect from 29.02.16 vide the Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India's Notification G.R.F' 202 (E) dated 29.02.16.

2 Accordingly, the Directorate General of Shipping, Govt. of India, through its M S Notice 16 of 2016 dated 08/12/2016, had laid down an elaborate and comprehensive administrative mechanism for the inspection and certification for Indian Ships of GRT 500 MT and above and its M.S. Notice No. 09 of 2017 for Indian ships of GRT below 500 MT and Indian ships registered under DG Shipping Order 18 of 2013 (Indian River Sea vessels) and DG Shipping Order 01 of 2014 (Indian Coastal vessels) as amended, in line with the MLC-2006.

3. Further, considering the representations from Indian shipowners associations and other small operators about the difficulties to implement the provisions of the said M.S. Notice 09 of 2017 and to further relax them, following guidelines/processes are now to be followed by the owners of the ships of less than 500 GRT, Indian River Sea Vessel, covered in DGS Order 18 of 2013 as amended, and Indian Coastal Vessel, covered in DGS Order 01 of 2014 as amended and River Sea vessels Type-1 irrespective of their GT: