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Subject: Listing in mobile station license of non – GMDSS equipment fitted on board Indian flag Ships – reg.

1. The Ministry of Communications (Department of Telecommunications) vide G.S.R. 1211(E) dated 14.12.2018, has notified the Flight and Maritime Connectivity, Rules 2018. The said Rules enable voice and data services to be provided on board Indian vessels, if desired by the ship owner.
2. Indian shipping companies have sought clarifications whether details of equipment installed for providing voice and data services such as VSAT equipment etc., installed on Indian vessels needs to be also listed in the “Mobile Station License” issued to the vessel.
3. In this context, it is clarified that during a meeting held on 04.01.2019 chaired by Secretary (Telecommunication) at Sanchar Bhawan, Ministry of Communications (MoC), New Delhi, the Wireless Advisor to the Government of India had stated that currently only Global Maritime Distress Safety System (GMDSS) equipments fitted onboard Indian vessels are listed in the ‘Mobile Station Licence’ issued to Indian vessels. If any change is made to this requirement, the same would be communicated to all concerned by a suitable order / instruction by the Ministry of Communication. In view of the same, it is clarified that till such time, such order / instruction is issued by the Ministry of Communications, there is no requirement for insisting on listing of non GMDSS equipment including VSAT equipment in the Mobile Station Licence issued to the vessel.
4. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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