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Subject: Procedure & Requirements for Pre-Arrival Notification of Security (PANS) to Enter the Indian Port Facilities-reg.

Whereas, the Government of India has ratified the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS), and the Convention entered into force on 25th May 1980 through accession. The International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS Code), was established under Chapter XI-2 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) 1974 w.e.f. 01st July 2004. The ISPS Code sets forth a mandatory security framework for international shipping, providing comprehensive maritime and port security requirements.

2. Whereas, under SOLAS Regulation XI-2/9.2, a contracting government may require that ships intending to enter its port, furnish the specific information provided under Regulation XI-2/9.2.1 to officers duly authorised by that government to ensure compliance prior to their entry into the port facility. Compliance with this regulation is mandatory.

3. This Directorate has issued various circulars from time to time, to provide guidance to vessels entering Indian port facilities in line with the requirements specified under ISPS Code and specifically the Pre-Arrival Notification of Security (PANS). Accordingly, the PANS reporting for respective vessels is in format prescribed in these circulars.

4. However, there was a need felt to consolidate the existing circulars and revise the requirements in line with the Government policy towards ease of doing business. This circular is being accordingly issued to consolidate all previous circulars including but not limited to NT/ISPS/13/2005 dated 21 November 2005; NT/ISPS/SHIP/02/2009 dated 02 February 2009;

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NT/ISPS/SHIP/02/2011 dated 15 November 2011; NT/ISPS/CIRCULAR No. 01/2011 dated 28 September 2011; NT/ISPS/CIRCULAR No. 01/2020 dated 05 February 2020 issued providing "Guidelines to vessels for entry into Indian Port Facilities - ISPS Compliance related issues".

5. It may be noted that the Merchant Shipping (Ships and Port Facility Security) Rules, 2024 have been notified, requiring ships, ports, and companies to comply with the requirement prescribed in the notified Rules. Section 29 of the MS (ISPS) Rules makes it a mandatory obligation for any ship entering a port within the jurisdiction of India to provide information ninety-six hours prior to its arrival.

6. The reporting requirement of PANS apply to the following vessels on international voyages entering Indian waters, vessels trading in coastal waters or coasting between Indian Ports:

- a. Passenger ships, including high-speed passenger crafts;
- b. Cargo ships, including high-speed craft of 500 GT and above;
- c. Mobile offshore drilling units; and
- d. Pleasure Yachts
- e. Sailing Vessel

7. The Vessels as specified under para 5 or their Ship Master / Ship Owners / Managers / Operators / Ship Agents are required to submit the information contained as per **Annexure - I** (for passenger ships, cargo ships & mobile offshore drilling units) and **Annexure - II** (for yachts) with immediate effect to the relevant regional authorities specified in Table 1 as well as Port Facility Security Officer of the ships port of call.

