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Subject: International Safety management Code(SIM Code) Compliance for Phase II Vessels.

The entry into force of chapter IX of SOLAS made the ISM Code mandatory, as from the 1st July, 1998, for passenger ships, passenger high-speed craft, oil tankers, chemical tankers, gas carriers, bulk carriers and cargo high-speed craft of 500 gross tonnage and upwards (Phase-I vessels). For Other Cargo Ships and Mobile offshore drilling units of 500 gross tonnage and upwards (Phase-II vessels), the ISM Code became mandatory from 1st July 2002. However, on the request of the ship owners, the Director General of Shipping has extended the mandatory compliance of ISM Code requirement for only those phase-II vessels operating exclusively in Indian coast for a period of one year and thus the mandatory compliance of ISM Code for such vessels shall now become mandatory from 1st July 2003.

As many owners/companies operating phase-II vessels are still to be certified for the compliance with the ISM Code, the Chief Surveyor with Govt. of India decided to call upon all such owners/companies to be present for a meeting on 2nd May 2003 at 1100 hours in the Directorate General of Shipping to discuss the procedure of obtaining DoC and SMC for their company/vessel to avoid unnecessary detention of their vessels on or after 1st July 2003.