

Standard Operating Procedures for any exemption/dispensation from the provision of the MS Rules for ships registered in India.

Every Indian ship registered under the MS Act is required to comply with the provision of the Act and the rules made there under. The MS Rules are based on the International Conventions on safety, prevention of pollution, human element, construction, equipment, safety of navigation, etc. to which India is a party.

2. There are occasions, due to exigencies, unexpected mechanical failure or other compelling reasons, requests are received from the ship owners/managers seeking dispensation from the applicable requirements of the convention / provisions of MS Rules.

3. The IMO Convention, based on which the MS Rules have been made, recognizes such exigencies and do contain provision of such consideration but in a limited manner. Therefore for consideration of such temporary extension / dispensation in accordance with the provision of the rules and attempt has been made to standardize the process to facilitate the maritime industry to follow whenever such request for extension/ dispensation or any exemption from the rule requirement is submitted to the Directorate. Hence-forth, the following procedure shall need to be adopted for the availing all such services from the Directorate:

(i) Every application of such relaxation/dispensation/exemption/waiver shall be accompanied with the complete details as per the attached [Annex-I]. The application should be made sufficiently in advance with supporting documents [either in the electronic format or in hard copy].

