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Subject: Procedure for issue of General Trading License for passenger ships.

Whereas the Directorate has been issuing General Trading Licenses (GTL) to passenger ships for a maximum period up to one year keeping in view that these vessels undergo renewal surveys every year and a new safety certificate is issued with a maximum validity of one year.

Whereas, representations have been made by Government Departments / Public Sector Undertakings for issue of GTL with 5 year validity to passenger ships owned or operated by them due to operational difficulties in renewing the GTL every year.

Whereas greater self regulation is envisaged in the procedure for issuance of GTL under section 406 for passenger ships.

Now therefore, the Director General of Shipping in pursuance of the powers conferred on him under the provisions of section 406 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, has decided that, henceforth, passenger ships, which are less than 25 years of age will be issued with a General Trading License having validity up to a maximum period of 5 years, (or till the vessel attains 25 years of age, which ever is earlier), subject to following conditions:

1. Ships-owners are required to submit an undertaking to keep all applicable certificates and insurance cover in place and valid at all times with full knowledge of the consequences of default, which will be an automatic suspension of the license as well as a reversal to the earlier procedure under section 406.
2. In case a new or second hand vessel has been issued with a provisional Certificate of Registry or a Temporary pass under section 41 of M. S. Act, 1958,

such vessels would be issued with provisional General Trading License valid upto the period of the validity of the provisional registry / temporary pass under section 41.

This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping and ex-officio Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India.

V. Rajendran
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Dy. Director General of Shipping

To

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2. The Director of Shipping Services, Directorate of Shipping Services, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Port Blair – 744 101.
3. Administrator, Union Territory of Lakshadweep, Kavaratti, Lakshadweep Island.
4. CEO, INSA / FOSMA / MASSA, Mumbai
5. All MMDs.

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