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Sub: Conditions for grant of license to foreign flag ships under sections 406 & 407 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, laying down the norms for engaging Indian crew and trainees on board these ships engaged in shipping and related activities in the Indian Coastal water - reg.

WHEREAS procedural regime in many countries have imposed crewing requirements on ships doing business in their coastal waters.

2. AND WHEREAS it is only appropriate that similar crewing requirements are also imposed on ships engaged in shipping and related activities in Indian coastal waters.

3. AND WHEREAS the Director General of Shipping in pursuance of powers conferred on him in respect of the provisions of Section 406 and 407 of the M.S. Act, 1958, read together-with Ministry of Shipping S.O.No.3144 dated 17.12.1960, had issued circular numbers 1-B of 2011 dated 12.1.11 and S.D. Circular No.2/2011 dated 24.05.11, stipulating conditions for granting license to foreign flag ships under sections 406 and 407 of the M.S. Act laying down the norms for engaging Indian crew on board these ships.

4. WHEREAS a need has been felt to review the aforesaid circulars keeping in view of the acute shortage of on-board training slots and the need to create more opportunities for on-board training.

5. AND NOW THEREFORE, the Director General of Shipping in pursuance of the powers conferred on him in respect of the provisions of Section 406 and 407 of the M.S. Act, 1958, read together with Ministry of Shipping S.O. No.3144 dated 17.12.1960, and in supersession of the afore mentioned circulars No. 1-B of 2011 dated 12.1.11 and S.D. Circular No.2/2011 dated 24.05.11, issues the following conditions for granting license to foreign flag ships under either of the Sections i.e. 406 or 407 of the M.S. Act, laying down the norms for engaging Indian crew on board these ships.

- a. Where the period of license exceeds 30 days but upto and including 90 days, a minimum of $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ of the crew (officers and ratings) engaged on board as per the Safe Manning norm or actual deployment, whichever is higher, who are holding relevant Indian certificates, shall be deployed.
- b. Where the period of license exceeds 90 days, one half of the crew (officers and ratings) engaged on board as per the Safe Manning norms, or actual deployment, whichever is higher, shall be Indians holding relevant Indian certificates.
- c. The Safe Manning norm mentioned above will be the one applicable to the concerned ship.
- d. In both the cases at Para (a) & (b) above, $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ of the Indian crew so engaged, shall be trainee cadets, distributed equally (to the extent possible) between navigational and engineering side.
- e. For determining the number of Indian persons (officers and crew) (other than the trainee cadets) to be engaged, the persons / crew (officers and ratings) will be taken from two separate categories and any fraction will be rounded off to the next higher integer.
- f. Where the period of license is not continuous (including cases with more than one charterers), the above conditions will be imposed whenever the cumulative period of license for that ship exceeds i.e. 30 or 90 days in a calendar year and the condition of engagement of Indian crew / trainee cadets will be imposed from the day when 30 or 90 days are exceeded.
- g. The number of trainee cadets to be provided as indicated at Para (d) above shall be the minimum. However, if so desired by the shipowner, any number of Indian crew as required by Para (a) & (b) may be replaced with trainee cadets.
- h. For facilitating deployment of Indian trainee cadets on foreign flag ships, the Indian National Shipowners' Association (INSA) shall act as a nodal agency.
- i. The Director General of Shipping reserves the right to relax or vary, alter or rescind any of the provisions above in the interest of retaining Indian tonnage, boosting Indian trade, to facilitate specialized operations or in public interest, for reasons recorded in writing.

6. These guidelines will come into effect from the date of issue of this order. This shall also apply to vessels which are already chartered before the commencement of the circular, after the expiry of a period of 45 days from the date of issuance of this circular.

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

V. Rajendran 18/01/2013
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Dy. Director General of Shipping

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