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To  
The Principal Officer,  
Mercantile Marine Department,  
Mumbai/Kolkata/Chennai/Kandla/Kochi

**Subject: Issuance of Minimum Safe Manning Document on the deck side with respect to Harbour Operations (India and Abroad) Class XII (tugs, lighters, dredgers, etc.).**

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to this office circular of even number dated 29-6-2010 circulating therewith the guidelines on Minimum Safe Manning Scale on the deck side for various categories of ships.

With the growth in shipping operations and ever-increasing demand for qualified Deck Officers for tugs and offshore crafts for harbour operation in Ports – abroad, Shipping companies are facing difficulty in recruitment of such officers.

In order to give an impetus to the vessels operating in harbours abroad, it has been decided to further rationalise the Minimum Safe Manning Scale guidelines on the deck side with respect to Class XII (tugs, lighters, dredgers, etc.) for different categories of ships.

Accordingly, manning details to Class XII stands modified as indicated in Annex-I, attached herewith.

Further, all corrections/revisions will be incorporated in the forthcoming manning scale tables which will be issued subsequently.

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

Yours faithfully.

  
(Ashraf Mohamad)

Asstt. Director General of Shipping

Encl: As above

**Safe Manning- Deck Department****For Harbour \*Operations (India and Abroad) Class XII (tugs, lighters, dredgers etc)**

Type of Ship	Table Requirement	Number
Tug / lighter ≤ 3000GT	D17**	i) Master (NCV)/ First Class IV Master-One ii) Mate (NCV)/Second Class IV-One ii) Rating – One
Dredgers < 3000GT ***	D19	i) Master (NCV)/ Dredge Master Grade II- One ii) Mate (NCV) / Dredge Mate Grade I- One iii) NWKO (NCV)/ Dredge Mate Grade I-One iv) Rating with Nav W/K cert – Two v) Rating - One vi) Cook – One
Dredgers<500GT ***	D19a (proposed)	i) Master (NCV) / Dredge Master Grade II – One ii) NWKO (NCV) / Dredge Mate Grade I (min.1yr exp in the rank)-one iii) Rating with Nav W/K cert-One iv) Rating /Cook- One

\* Harbour operations in India and abroad would mean plying within harbor limits in water where the significant wave height does not exceed 2 mtrs. For harbour operation in ports abroad, all IV or NCV certificate holders need to have local knowledge of the harbour navigation to the satisfaction of competent authority of the port. All local regulations/ guidelines need be adhered to, in addition to NCV stipulations as per STCW 78, as amended. Further the ship shall have additional manning, if any, prescribed by the local marine administration.

\*\* It is desired that out of two officers above, atleast one officer will hold STCW compliant CoC. If otherwise, then atleast one such IV officer to be in possession of GMDSS qualification as prescribed in Cir. No. NT/Radio/01 of 2011, dated 05/12/2011 or a separate GMDSS operator need to be carried.

\*\*\* For continuous operations of 72 hrs or above, an additional Watch-Keeping Officer: NWKO (NCV) / Dredge Mate Grade I, shall be required.