

## **NT SAFMAN - 1/2004**

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**Sub: Relaxation from the manning requirements on Deep Sea Fishing Vessels.**

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In accordance with Part XV A of the Merchant Shipping Act 1958 as amended, every fishing vessel registered under the Act shall comply with the provisions under the said part and rules made thereunder.

Such fishing vessels shall be registered, carry safety equipments and be inspected in accordance with the said part of the Merchant Shipping Act

In accordance with the Section 76 of the Merchant Shipping Act, every ship (including a fishing vessel) registered under the Merchant Shipping Act when going to sea from any port or place in India shall 'have certificated officers and crew' manned in accordance with the requirements prescribed by the Directorate General of Shipping for ensuring safety of the vessel.

Understanding shortage of trained manpower, certificated officers and engineers for the fishing vessels and to foster the growth of the Sector and mindful of the safety of such vessels, as per the provisions under Section 435 - X and Section 456 of the Merchant Shipping Act, in super cession of all previous orders on the subject, the Director General of Shipping has directed that such vessels may employ upto a maximum of 50% foreign nationals as a part of the manning complement of the vessel.

All such fishing vessels are required to have safety equipments, Radio equipments, Navigational equipments and certificate of inspection in accordance with Section 435 K of the Merchant Shipping Act before proceeding to sea. The vessels should have necessary maritime mobile station license and a certificated Indian officer to operate the Radio equipments.

**The above circular is to be complied with immediate effect.**

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