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## Merchant Shipping Notice No 05 of 2014

No. 13-NT (5)/2009-Pt.I


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**Subject - Coastal and ocean towing by wooden vessels/fibre-glass vessels and vessels of primitive build during fair weather season (read with M.S. Notice No. 08 of 2013).**

1. The Directorate General of Shipping had issued Merchant Shipping Notice No 08 of 2013 dated 21/02/2013 dealing with coastal and ocean towing. Representations have thereafter been received with regard to coastal and ocean towing to be carried out by wooden vessels/fibre-glass vessels and vessels of primitive build etc.
2. The matter was examined in the Directorate. It is observed that M.S. Notice No 08 of 2013 does not differentiate between towing vessels of different build (i.e. steel, wooden, fibre etc).
3. The matter with regard to towage by towing vessels not made of steel but of wood/fibre-glass and vessels of primitive build etc was therefore examined. As towing by such vessels have successfully been carried out in the past **during fair weather season** and to promote such activity, it has been decided that such vessels intending to carry out towage starting from Indian Ports to Sea, are required to comply with all prudent practices for safe execution of towage with seafarers having experience in carrying out such towage activities and in addition, as a minimum, comply the following:
  - a. The vessel shall be in possession of Certificate of Registry issued under Merchant Shipping Act, 1958.
  - b. The vessel shall be in possession of a "Bollard-pull Certificate".
  - c. Vessel shall have undergone annual inspection and be in possession of a valid Certificate of Inspection.

- d. Vessels not required to mandatorily be in possession of a Certificate of Inspection shall have such vessel inspected by surveyors of RO or MMD to confirm that the Hull, Machinery, Life Saving Appliances [LSA], Fire fighting Appliances [FFA], Navigational lights and Navigation equipments etc are suitable for undertaking the proposed towage at sea.
4. Owners of wooden vessels/fibre-glass vessels and vessels of primitive build intending to undertake towage in **fair weather season only** shall submit their application to the Principal Officer of the Mercantile Marine Department [MMD] having jurisdiction over the area from where the towage is to commence along-with copies of valid documents specified in Section 3 (a to d) of this M.S. Notice and other documents specified in M.S. Notice No 08 of 2013 as applicable.
5. The Principal Officer of the MMD concerned shall have the tug-tow arrangement inspected by surveyors of MMD/RO. On satisfactory inspection and based on findings, the Principal Officer of the MMD concerned may issue towage permission for the intended towage.
6. Notwithstanding the procedures mentioned hereinabove, no towage permission for such vessels shall be considered during foul weather period and all concerned need to ensure that the towage is completed before the onset of foul weather.

This is issued with the approval of the Nautical Advisor to the Govt. of India.

  
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