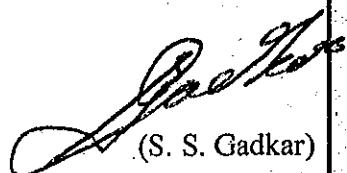


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1. The Directorate as the maritime administration, has been issuing guidelines from time to time to facilitate expeditious issuance of the Certificate of Endorsement (COE) to ensure recognition of Certificate of Competency (COC) issued by the country with whom the Government of India has the Memorandum of Understanding (bilateral agreement). Some of the guidelines are contained in the training Circular No. 07 of 2002 dated 30th July, 2002 and DGS order No. 1 of 2012 dated 09.05.2012 in addition to guidelines issued to examiners through the instructions and also through the NT/ENG circulars.
2. The candidates who are issued with COE by Govt. of India are eligible to get employment on Indian flag ships in the capacity and limitations as specified in the COE. Dangerous Cargo Endorsement is needed to be issued to such COE holders to facilitate them to work on the category of Indian ships requiring Dangerous Cargo Endorsement. Dangerous Cargo Endorsements are issued on a separate sheet after ensuring that the candidates have successfully completed the required training in India and have acquired the requisite experience.
3. It has been brought to the notice of the administration, that seafarers issued with COE are not performing service on Indian flag ships. Such seafarers apply to the MMDs for revalidation of their COE in a deviation from the prevalent guidelines. It is also observed that some seafarers not having COE or who are not in possession of COC issued by the Govt. of India are submitting application for Dangerous Cargo Endorsement (endorsements required under Chapter V of STCW) to work on ships other than Indian flag.
4. It is also observed that there is lack of uniformity among MMDs in the procedures being followed in dealing with such cases.

5. In order to streamline and. ensure uniform application of rules, regulation, guidelines, etc among all MMD's with respect to the process of issuance of COE, revalidation of COE and issuance of Dangerous Cargo Endorsement, following procedure is to be adopted henceforth for issuance of COE, revalidation of COE and issuance of Dangerous Cargo Endorsement : -
- i. It is to be ensured that the holder of an Indian Certificate of Endorsement (COE) has revalidated the primary Certificate of Competency issued by the party as recognized by the Indian administration, prior to application for revalidation of their Indian COE.
 - ii. Revalidation of COE can only be done provided the candidate has sea-service for a period of at least three months on Indian flag vessels during the validity of the existing COE. In case the candidate has not sailed on an Indian ship, on the promise of which, he has obtained the COE, the application is to be rejected.
 - iii. Dangerous cargo endorsements are only to be issued to Indian COC and COE holders. The Dangerous Cargo Endorsements issued must carry a note stating that "this endorsement is valid subject to the *Certificate of Competency no issued on /*Certificate of Endorsements no issued on (* delete as applicable) remaining valid".
- 6 This issues with the approval of the Chief Examiner of Engineers and Chief Examiner of Masters & Mates.


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