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Sub: Inspection, Survey and Certification of Cargo vessel by Recognized Organizations [ROs] and Mercantile Marine Departments [MMDs].

Whereas the object of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, as amended is to foster the development of shipping and ensure safe & efficient Indian mercantile marine in a manner best suited to serve the national interests.

2. Whereas the Directorate General of Shipping [DGS], Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India is the designated maritime administration of the country to administer the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, as amended, as facilitator and regulator of the merchant shipping in India.

3 Whereas the MSL Circular No. 01 of 2008 dated 02.07.2008 was issued for clarifying the delegation of functions to the Indian Register of Shipping and inspection by the MMDs, keeping in view the workload and other administrative considerations prevalent at that point of time.

4. Whereas Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India has vide its notification S.O 3316 (E) dated 26.12.14, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1A) of Section 9 read with sub-section (2) of section 7 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958) has authorised various persons or bodies of persons to be the surveyors, to carry out surveys and to issue or endorse the certificates and documents, for cargo ships, under the Conventions as mentioned in the said notification.

5. Whereas an agreement entered with Recognised Organisation [ROs] as mentioned in the aforesaid notification is already in place w.e.f 01.04.16, with respect to performance of statutory surveys and issuance of relevant certificates to cargo ships under Merchant Shipping

Act., providing an option to Indian ships to approach such ROs for statutory surveys and certification.

6. Whereas the Administration retains its right to perform the statutory surveys and certifications of Indian ships and to enhance the quality and efficiency of its surveyors through various capacity building measures, in the interest of Indian shipping industry.

7. Whereas the statutory services rendered and statutory certificates issued by the RO in accordance with the aforesaid agreement shall continue to be accepted as services rendered by or certificates issued by the Administration.

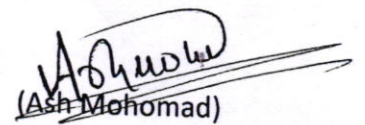
8. Whereas the option available to Indian ships for statutory surveys and certification is required to be clarified for ease of doing business.

9. Now, in view of the above, and in line with the policy of the Government of India, for ease of doing business, the Director General of Shipping, issues the following clarification;

"9.1. For the purpose of availing the services for statutory surveys and certification, in respect of Safety Equipment, Safety Radio and MARPOL surveys, Indian ships/ship-owners may approach either the MMDs or the ROs, as per their convenience and availability of faster & efficient delivery of services".

10. The foregoing clarification has been put in place for ensuring ease of doing business and enhancing the capacity building of the Administration's Surveyors and in public interest and without prejudice to the delegation of work to ROs in terms of the aforesaid agreement with ROs.

11. This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping & Special Secretary to the Government of India.


(Ash Mohomad)

Deputy Director General of Shipping-in-charge [MSL]

To;

1. All the stakeholders through DGS website.
2. All Mercantile Marine Department [MMDs]
3. All notified ROs/Classification societies [members of IACS], recognized by the Govt. of India.
4. INSA/ICCSA/FOSMA/MASSA/IMF, Mumbai.

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