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**Subject:- Issue of Seamen Identity Card (Sails) to crew members of Sailing vessels through Online Module...reg.**

The Directorate General of Shipping is in process of issuing new seamen identity card (sails) to the crew members of sailing vessels through online module/system. The Directorate is expected that online module for issuance of identity cards will start functioning soon, after which issuance of new ID card and renewal of old ID card will be started.

2. The Directorate has received representation from various Sailing vessels Associations in relation to the immigration problems faced by their crew members due to non - renewal of their identity cards.
3. In this regard, all the immigration authorities are requested to accept identity card issued by this Directorate as this Directorate has stopped issuing manual ID cards from 25.09.2019. In view of that all Indian / Foreign Immigration Issuing Authorities are requested to deem the old ID cards which have expired on or after 25/09/2019 as valid till further notice in this regard.
4. This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping and Additional Secretary to the Government of India.


  
19/03/2020

(Dr. P K Raut)

Deputy Director General of Shipping (Coastal)

Copy to:

1. Protector General of Emigrants, Ministry of External Affairs, 1014, Akbar Bhawan, Chankayapuri, New Delhi-110021
2. Bureau of Immigration, East Block-VIII, level-V sector-1, R.K. Puram, New Delhi- 110066
3. The General Secretary, Federation of All India Sailing Vessels Industry Associations, Sikkawala Mansion, Near Gurudwara, Jamnagar-361001.
4. The President, Kutchi Vahanvati Association, Reg. No. Kachchh No. F 129, Gujarat No.1/94, Mota Salaya, Mandvi-370465, Kuchchh.
5. ADG (e-gov) for placing this circular in the DGS website

  
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