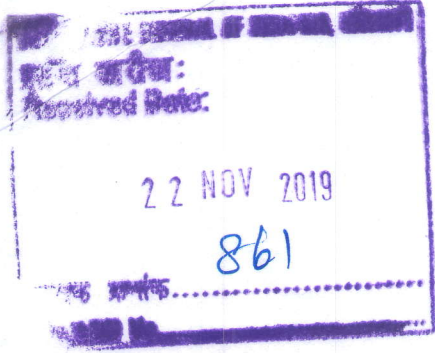


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SW-17011/8/2018-MG (CNo. 334173)
Government of India
Ministry of Shipping
MG Section

Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi
Dated: 14 November, 2019

To
The Director General of Shipping,
Directorate General of Shipping,
Mumbai

Subject: Extension of cabotage relaxation under Section 407 (3) of MS Act, 1958 to foreign flag passenger/cruise ships to call at more than one Indian Port for a further period of five years beyond 05.02.2024.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No. SW-17011/2/2016-CT dated 08.08.2016 allowing foreign flag vessels carrying passengers to call at more than one Indian port without obtaining license under Section 407 (1) of MS Act, 1958 for a period of five years i.e from 05.02.2019 to 04.02.2024. The matter for further extending the relaxation beyond 2024 was examined in the Ministry and it has been decided that the said relaxation to foreign flag passenger/cruise vessels be further extended by five years beyond 04.02.2024.

2. The above direction is issued in pursuance to Section 407 (3) of the M S Act, 1958. Accordingly, it is requested to take further necessary action to issue an Order to extend the cabotage relaxation up to 04.02.2029, which may be given wide publicity. A copy of the MS Order issued in pursuance to the above may be sent to the Ministry for information and record.

Yours faithfully,

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