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नौवहन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई  
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

**F.No. 23-SHCW/1/2024-CREW-DGS**

**Date: 22.04.2024**

**DGS Order No. 08 of 2024**

**Sub: Constitution of Seafarers Welfare Board Audit Team (SWBAT) with a mandate to inspect the welfare facilities provided in the ports – reg.**

Whereas, the Directorate General of Shipping, under the Ministry of Port, Shipping & Waterways, New Delhi deals with implementation of shipping policy and legislation so as to ensure the safety of life and ships at sea, promotion of maritime education and training in co-ordination with the International Maritime Organization, regulation of employment and welfare of seamen, examination and certification of Merchant Navy Officers under its administrative jurisdiction.

2. Whereas, the Seafarer's Welfare Fund Society (SWFS) is a Central Organisation for Welfare of Indian seafarers and their families and is registered under the societies Registration Act 1960 and as a Trust under the Bombay Public Trust Act 1950.

3. Whereas, the main objects of the Society are is to provide and maintain a fund by the name of the Seafarers' Welfare Fund and to provide welfare facilities in general to seamen at ports in India and to seamen engaged as per provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, while at ports abroad.

4. Whereas, the Society represents various interests connected with Indian shipping, which includes representative of Indian and foreign shipowners, representatives of Seafarers'Unions separately for officers and Seamen and the Government nominees.

5. Realising the need to facilitate and to provide welfare facilities in general to seamen at ports in India and to seamen engaged as per provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act 1958 as amended, the Directorate hereby constitutes a mechanism as a measure to inspect the welfare facilities provided by ports and shall be named as Seafarers Welfare Board Audit Team (SWBAT).

6. Seafarers Welfare Board Audit Team (SWBAT) shall inspect the port facilities and submit its report to Seafarer's Welfare Fund Society (SWFS) for considerations of grants / aids to the ports for upkeep and maintaining the welfare facilities as required by the DG Shipping stipulated guidelines / standards.

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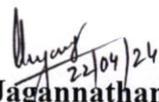
7. Seafarers Welfare Board Audit Team (SWBAT) shall comprise of the following:

| SNo. | Designation / Organization  | Designation in the mechanism |
|------|---|------------------------------|
| 1    | Dy. Director General of Shipping (Crew)<br>DG Shipping, Mumbai  | Chairman                     |
| 2    | Shipping Master (SM), Govt. Shipping Office,<br>[Concerned jurisdictional SM where the port is located]   | Member                       |
| 3    | Nautical / Engineering Surveyor (As nominated by PO)<br>Mercantile Marine Department (MMD)<br>[Concerned jurisdictional surveyor where the port is located] | Member                       |
| 4    | Nominated representative of Seafarers Union<br>such as MUI / NUSI / FSUI etc.   | Member                       |
| 5    | Nominated representative of Sailors Society in India  | Member                       |

8. Function and duties of Seafarers Welfare Board Audit Team (SWBAT) shall be as following:

- Inspect the managing of the port welfare facilities for seafarers
- Inspect the adequacy of existing port welfare facilities
- Inspect the implementation of port levies and other fundraising tools by port for port welfare facilities for seafarers
- Inspect the facilitation between the different service providers by port welfare committees
- Initial verification and compliance of the ports providing such welfare facilities for seafarers as detailed in the DG Shipping guidelines
- Successful compliance reports submissions and subsequent issuance of MLC compliant seafarers' welfare club certificate (5 years validity) to ports
- Renewal inspections of the port welfare facilities (post every five years)
- Submission of inspection support to Directorate and Seafarers' Welfare Fund Society (SWFS) for approvals of the said society's trust.

9. Traveling and daily allowances, etc. of members: The members of the SWBAT shall be entitled to traveling and daily allowance in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the Government of India, Ministry of Finance Office Memorandum No. F. 6 (26)0E. IV/59, dated the 05.09.1960, as amended from time to time.

  
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