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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

DGS Engineering Circular No. 26 of 2025

File No. **13-39/7/2020-ENGG – DGS (C.No. 4674)**

Date: 26.05.2025

Sub: Entry into force of the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009.

1. Background:

Vide M.S. Notice No. 14 of 2020 dated 05.11.2020, this Directorate had issued guidance regarding the issuance of Statement of Compliance (SOC) in line with the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009 (HKC), and the European Union Ship Recycling Regulation (EU SRR), following India's accession to the HKC on 28th November 2019.

2. Entry into Force of HKC:

The HKC has now met the required criteria for its entry into force and shall come into effect on **26th June 2025**. Pursuant to this:

- 2.1 All new ships will be required to carry an approved Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM Part I) and an International Certificate on IHM.
- 2.2 All existing ships must comply by **26th June 2030**, or before proceeding for recycling, whichever is earlier.
- 2.3 All ships covered under the Convention must be recycled only at ship recycling facilities holding a valid Document of Authorization to conduct Ship Recycling (DASR).

3. Transition from SOC to International Certificate on IHM:

For Indian-flagged ships already issued with a Statement of Compliance (SOC)—either Interim or Full-Term—by authorized Recognized Organizations (ROs) on behalf of the Flag Administration, and with validity extending beyond 26th June 2025, the SOC must be replaced with an **International Certificate on IHM** in accordance with the Convention requirements.

4. **Facilitation of Smooth Transition:**

To facilitate a smooth transition for ships that are already in compliance with the Convention requirements and possess a valid SOC, this Directorate hereby permits the Recognized Organizations to administratively convert such SOC's into the International Certificate on IHM **without requiring an additional shipboard inspection**, provided that:

- The Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM Part I) has been properly maintained and updated as per the applicable requirements; and
- The International Certificate on IHM is issued on or before 26th June 2025, carrying the following annotation:

“This certificate is effective from 26th June 2025 and replaces the previously issued
SOC number [XXXX], dated [XXXX].”
(Certificate format shall be as per Appendix 1.)

5. **Instructions to Stakeholders:**

- 5.1 Recognized Organizations are instructed to adhere to the above directions for the timely and efficient conversion of SOC's to Convention certificates.
- 5.2 **Shipowners and Technical Managers** of Indian-flagged ships in possession of valid SOC's beyond 26th June 2025 are advised to coordinate with their respective ROs to ensure completion of the administrative conversion before the HKC's entry into force.

This Circular is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority and remains in force until further orders.



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APPENDIX - 1

Certificate No.:

(This certificate is effective from 26th June 2025 and replaces the issued SOC number xxxx, dated

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE ON INVENTORY OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

(Note: This Certificate shall be supplemented by Part I of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials)

Issued under the provisions of the
Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009 (hereinafter referred to as “the
Convention”)

under the authority of the **Government of India**

by(Recognized Organization)

Particulars of Ship

Name of Ship:	XXXX
Distinctive Number or Letters:	XXXX
Port of Registry:	XXXX
Gross Tonnage:	XXXX
IMO Number:	XXXX
Name and Address of Ship owner:	XXXX
IMO Registered Owner Identification Number:	XXXX
IMO Company Identification Number:	XXXX
Date of Construction:	XXXX

Particulars of Part I of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials

Part I of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials identification/verification number: XXXX

Note: Part I of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials, as required by regulation 5 of the Annex to the Convention, is an essential part of the International Certificate on Inventory of Hazardous Materials and must always accompany the International Certificate on Inventory of Hazardous Materials. Part I of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials should be compiled on the basis of the standard format shown in the guidelines developed by the Organization.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY:

1. that the ship has been surveyed in accordance with regulation 10 of the Annex to the Convention; and
2. that the survey shows that Part I of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials fully complies with the applicable requirements of the Convention.

Completion date of survey on which this certificate is based: XX/XX/XXXX

(dd/mm/yyyy). This certificate is valid until XX/XX/XXXX (dd/mm/yyyy).

Issued at Place----- on(dd/mm/yyyy).

Official Seal

(Signature of authorized official)
Recognized Organization

Certificate No.:

(This certificate is effective from 26 June 2025 and replaces the..... issued SOC number xxxx, dated xxxx)

ENDORSEMENT TO EXTEND THE CERTIFICATE IF VALID FOR LESS THAN FIVE YEARS WHERE REGULATION 11.6 APPLIES*

The ship complies with the relevant provisions of the Convention, and this Certificate shall, in accordance with regulation 11.6 of the Annex to the Convention, be accepted as valid until..... (dd/mm/yyyy)

Signed:
(Signature of authorized official)

Place:

Date:
(dd/mm/yyyy)

Official Seal

ENDORSEMENT WHERE THE RENEWAL SURVEY HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND REGULATION 11.7 APPLIES*

The ship complies with the relevant provisions of the Convention, and this certificate shall, in accordance with regulation 11.7 of the Annex to the Convention, be accepted as valid until..... (dd/mm/yyyy)

Signed:
(Signature of authorized official)

Place:

Date:
(dd/mm/yyyy)

Official Seal

ENDORSEMENT TO EXTEND THE VALIDITY OF THE CERTIFICATE UNTIL REACHING THE PORT OF SURVEY OR FOR A PERIOD OF GRACE WHERE REGULATION 11.8 OR 11.9 APPLIES***

This certificate shall, in accordance with regulation 11.8 or 11.9** of the Annex to the Convention, be accepted as valid until (dd/mm/yyyy)

Signed:
(Signature of authorized official)

Place:

Date:
(dd/mm/yyyy)

Official Seal

Certificate No.:

(This certificate is effective from 26 June 2025 and replaces the..... issued SOC number xxxx, dated xxxx)

ENDORSEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL SURVEY*

At an additional survey in accordance with regulation 10 of the Annex to the Convention, the ship was found to comply with the relevant provisions of the Convention.

Signed:

(Signature of authorized official)

Place:

Date:

(dd/mm/yyyy)

Official Seal