



## भारत सरकार / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्रालय MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS नौवहन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI



Engineering Circular No. 18 of 2023

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Addendum to Engineering Circular No.6 of 2013, dated 19th August, 2013 (Addition of new paragraph for competent crew member)

- Whereas DGS has issued Engineering Circular No.06 of 2013, which provides "Guidelines for maintenance and inspection of fire protection, detection and extinction equipment on board Indian ships".
- Whereas addendum to above said circular was issued as Engineering Circular No.
   of 2022 (Revised guidelines for the maintenance and inspections of fixed carbon dioxide fire-extinguishing systems).
- 3. Noting the circular referred in paragraph-1 has defined competent crew-member in the paragraph 6.4.2 for undertaking maintenance of Fixed Fire Fighting Systems on board as those who hold STCW 78 as amended III/2 unlimited certificate of competency (Foreign Going) and an Advanced fire fighting course certificate.
- 4. Recognizing the difficulties expressed by Indian ship owners and others in placing the seafarers holding STCW 78 as amended III/2 unlimited certificate of competency (Foreign Going) on-board near coastal vessels and considering that the Coastal & Near Coastal ships are generally manned by officers with Near Coastal Vessel (NCV) certification.
- 5. It is now decided to issue addendum to Engineering Circular No.6 of 2013 with addition of new paragraph after 6.4.4 as below,
  - 6.4.5 "Without being prejudiced to the provisions of para 6.4.2, "competent crew-members" on coastal and near coastal vessels to be construed as those crew-members who have completed Advanced Fire Fighting course and holding a management level Certificate of Competency as CEO/SEO for Near-Coastal Voyages."

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6. This is issued with the approval of the Director General of Shipping and Additional Secretary to the Government of India.

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To,

All stakeholders (viz., ship owners, seafarers, shipping companies, service providers, etc.,) through DGS Website.