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MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

नौवहन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई  
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI



### Addendum to Merchant Shipping Notice No. 16 of 2023

<b>File No. 13-28/1/2024-ENGG - DGS</b>	<b>Date: 13.02.2024</b>
<b>Subject : Implementation of MARPOL Annex VI: Consolidation of all DGS Order/MS Notices/ Circulars and Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI</b>	
<p>1. Reference is invited to Merchant Shipping Notice No.16 of 2023 dated 14.11.2023 which consolidated all the DGS Orders/MS Notices/Circulars and Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI towards implementation of MARPOL Annex VI requirements on Indian vessels.</p> <p>2. While M S Notice 16 of 2023 adequately addresses the issue of implementation of MARPOL Annex VI on board Indian Vessels, a need was felt to further elaborate and include the areas of the Flag State's obligations as per IMO conventions in the Notice to remove any ambiguities.</p> <p>3. Keeping the above in mind, all Shipowners, Ship Managers and Recognised Organisations of Indian Flag Vessel shall follow the requirements as specified in the succeeding paras for Indian Vessels to be read in addition to and in conjunction with the requirements as specified in Merchant Shipping Notice No.16 of 2023 as applicable.</p> <p><b>4. Survey, Certification and Means of Control</b></p> <p>i. The Indian Maritime Administration shall carry out or delegate surveys and Certification required by MARPOL Annex VI in accordance with the Formal RO Agreement and taking into account DGS Order 6 of 2013.</p> <p>ii. Regulation 5.3.3 details specific requirements (such communication to Administration and to Port state control, if the ship is in foreign port) related to RO, when it determines that the condition of equipment does not correspond substantially with the particulars of the certificate. The same is detailed in Formal RO Agreement and is to be complied with by writing to FSI cell of Directorate.</p> <p>iii. In accordance with Regulation 5.4.5, the Master or owner of the ship shall report at the earliest opportunity to the FSI cell of Directorate, or recognized organization responsible for</p>	

issuing the relevant certificate, whenever an accident occurs to a ship or a defect is discovered, which substantially affects the efficiency or completeness of its equipment covered by this annex.

**iv. Regulation 5.3.1:** Refer to:

- a. Specific Agreement with RO and
- b. Resolution A. 1156(32) [Survey Guidelines under Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC), 2021].

**5. Approval VOC Management Plan as per Regulation 15.6:** A tanker carrying crude oil shall have on board and implement a VOC Management Plan approved by the Recognized Organization.

**6. Detection of Violation and Enforcement**

- i. The Directorate shall ensure that the requirements of MARPOL Annex VI are enforced on Indian and Foreign ships by carrying out Flag state inspections and Port state inspections in accordance with IOMOU Procedures and various MSN/Circulars/Orders issued by Directorate from time to time.
- ii. When a ship is in an Indian port and a Port State Inspection indicates that the ship has emitted any of the substances covered in this Annex, the Port State Control Officer shall follow IOMOU PSC Procedures and various Circulars/MSN issued by Directorate from time to time and:
  - a. Ensure adequate evidence is available.
  - b. Inform the Master about the alleged violation.
  - c. Inform the PSC Cell of Directorate with the report of violation and evidence for forwarding it to Ships Administration for appropriate action.
  - d. Take action as per National Law.
- iii. Request for investigation for violation to this Annex by any Party to MARPOL and the ship is in a Port of Offshore Terminal under the jurisdiction of India:
  - a. Such a request is to be made to PSC Cell of Directorate along with evidence.
  - b. If such a request is received by a sub-ordinate Office of Directorate, then same may be forwarded to PSC Cell of Directorate.
  - c. The PSC Cell shall instruct jurisdictional MMD for an investigation after evaluation of the evidence and inform the Flag Administration accordingly.
  - d. Report of investigation is to be forwarded to PSC Cell for review and onward transmission to the Party requesting investigation and the Flag Administration.
- iv. On receipt of information from the Government of any country which is a Party to MARPOL Annex VI that an Indian ship has contravened any provision of the Convention, the Directorate General of Shipping may:

- a. if it deems it necessary to do so, request such Government to furnish further details of the alleged contravention and
- b. if satisfied that sufficient evidence is available to establish contravention of any of the provisions of DGS Orders/Circulars/Notices take appropriate action against the owner or master of the concerned ship and,
- c. intimate the reporting Government through the PSC cell of the Directorate and IMO GISIS Module of the action so taken.

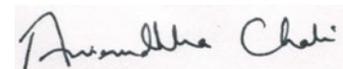
**7. Equivalent Compliance under Regulation 4-** The Indian Maritime Administration shall only allow a fitting, material, appliance or apparatus or other procedures, alternative fuel oils, or compliance methods used as an alternative to that required by this Annex only after taking into account the guidelines issued by International Maritime Organization and ensuring that there is no impairment or damage to the environment, human health, property or resources of India or other States.

**8. Reception Facilities-** All ships visiting Indian ports shall raise Advance Notification on Swachh Sagar Portal as detailed in various MS Notices/DGS Orders issued from time to time.

**9. Communication of Information to IMO-** The Directorate vide its DGS Order 16 of 2013 has delegated responsibilities to various Wings/Branches of Directorate, MMDs and Recognized Organizations for communication of following information to IMO:

- i. Equivalentents granted under Regulation 4.
- ii. The action taken for the alleged violation under Regulation 11.4
- iii. Designated ports or terminals at which VOCs emissions from tankers are regulated under Regulation 15.2
- iv. Ports and terminals where reception facilities are/are not available to manage and process the substances as refer to in this regulation under Regulation 17.2
- v. All cases where the facilities provided under this regulation are unavailable or alleged to be inadequate under Regulation 17.3
- vi. Availability of compliant-fuel oils in its ports and terminals under Regulation 18.1
- vii. Evidence of the non-availability of compliant fuel oil under Regulation 18.2.5
- viii. All cases where fuel oil suppliers have failed to meet the requirements specified in regulation 14 or 18 of the Annex under Regulation 18.9.6.

This is issued with the approval of the Director General of Shipping & Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India.



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To,

1. The Principal Officer/ Mercantile Marine Department, Mumbai/Kolkata/ Chennai/ Kandla/ Kochi.

2. The Surveyor-in-charge, Mercantile Marine Department, Goa/Jamnagar/Port Blair /  
Visakhapatnam /Tuticorin /Noida /Haldia/ Paradip /Mangalore.
3. All Recognised Organizations.
4. Indian National Ship-owners' Association (INSA), Mumbai.
4. CS/NA/Dy.CSS
5. Hindi Cell with request to provide Hindi translation.
6. Computer Cell with request to upload on DGS website