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Sub: Discontinuation of grant of age dispensation -reg.

1. The Directorate General of Shipping had issued Circulars/Notices including Circular No. 8-NT (1)/2000 dated 12.08.2002 regarding grant of age dispensation for officers of 65 years of age and above to sail on Indian Ships. Subsequently, vide Circular No. 8-NT(1)/2010 dated 21.01.2013, this function was delegated to the respective Principal Officers of the Mercantile Marine Departments [MMD's].
2. Noting that the provisions of STCW Convention and the Maritime Labour Convention on the employability of seafarers, the requirement of obtaining age dispensations for officers above the age of 65 years on Indian Flag vessels therefore provides an additional compliance burden on Indian ships.
3. The matter was therefore examined in the Directorate and it has been decided to discontinue the process of grant of age dispensations for officers desiring to work on Indian Flag vessels. The Indian ship-owners are however required to ensure the following :
 - a. The officers employed including those above the age of 65 years are medically fit to carry out the strenuous ship board activity including the various drills as required.
 - b. Noting the strenuous on-board operations and complexities, reduction in manpower, etc., it is advised that the Ship owner may preferably not consider employing more than one person above the age of 65 years on a ship at any particular time to ensure continued efficient operation of vessels.
 - c. The records as required under the MLC and STCW Conventions with regard to medical fitness certificates of all seafarers including those above the age of 65 years may continue to be maintained as required by the respective Conventions.

4. All the earlier Circulars/Notices issued in the matter stand superseded.
5. This is issued with the approval of the Director General of Shipping & ex-officio Additional Secretary to the Government of India and is applicable to Indian seafarers including officers from the Nautical and Engineering Discipline.



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To,
All concerned

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