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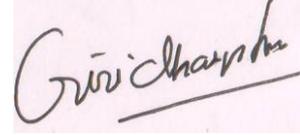
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Subject: Clarification regarding Liquid Cargo Handling simulator course for issue of Management level DCE (Advanced oil DCE) for officers of nautical discipline– reg.

1. The Directorate has received several queries from candidates regarding the requirements for undergoing Liquid Cargo Handling Simulator (LCHS) course for issue of Management level DCE (i.e. Advanced oil tanker DCE) for person with immediate responsibility for loading, discharging, care in transit, handling of cargo, tank cleaning or other cargo-related operation on oil tankers (i.e. for officers of nautical discipline).
2. Chapter V, Regulation V/I-I, para 3 & 4 of the STCW Convention requires Masters, chief engineer officers, chief mates, second engineer officers and any person with immediate responsibility for loading, discharging, care in transit, handling of cargo, tank cleaning or other cargo-related operations on oil tankers to hold a certificate in advanced training for oil tanker cargo operations (i.e. Advanced oil tanker DCE).
3. For obtaining Certificate of Proficiency (COP) in Advanced Oil tanker cargo operation, Rule 52(4)(c) of M.S.(STCW) Rules 2014 requires completion of approved advanced training for oil tanker cargo operations, and approved full mission liquid cargo handling simulator for deck officers on oil tankers. Further, Chapter V, section V/I, para 2.4 of TEAP Part A, specifies successful completion of an approved full-mission liquid cargo handling simulator course of 5 days' duration for Deck Officers on oil tankers.
4. The STCW Convention does not specify requirement for undergoing the said liquid cargo handling simulator course. However, it has been made mandatory for obtaining Indian COP to ensure that knowledge of Indian COC holders is complemented through realistic training, exercises and experience in handling oil tankers in a simulator based practical ship-like environment.
5. Considering that liquid cargo handling simulator course is currently not being conducted due to ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, it is decided that the LCHS course is temporarily to be treated as not mandatory for issuance of a Certificate of Proficiency

in Advanced Training for Oil Tanker cargo operations. In such cases COP in Advanced Training for Oil Tanker cargo operations will be issued for a period up to 31st December'2022. All officers who obtain the COP based on this relaxation are however urged to complete the LCHS course as soon as it resumes. On completion of the LCHS course, the full term certificate for 5 years will be issued.

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



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