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नौवहन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई  
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

**F. No.: 23-MISC/6/2021-CREW-DGS**

**Date: 25.01.2021**

**DGS Order No. 05 of 2021**

**Amendment to DGS Order No. 39 of 2020 dated 21.11.2020**

**Subject:** Standard Operating Procedures / Protocols (SOP) for sign-on of foreign seafarers in Indian ports – reg.

1. The Directorate General of Shipping has issued instructions and SoP for sign-on of foreign seafarers at Indian ports vide DGS Order No.39 of 2020 (F.No.23-71011/1/2020-CREW-DGS) dated 21.11.2020.
2. Whereas, due to continuing restrictions on crew change at different ports around the world it has been decided to facilitate Sign-On and Sign-Off of foreign crew at Indian ports. Para 6 of the DGS Order No.39 of 2020 is hereby amended to read as follows:-  
"6 Along with the sign-off of foreign crew, sign-on of foreign crew shall also be facilitated at Indian ports subject to –  
(a) sign-on / sign-off of foreign crew at outer anchorage shall be allowed without any restriction only after obtaining prior clearance from FRRO concerned.  
(b) This will be only a temporary measure during the period when specific protocols are in place due to COVID 19 pandemic. Once COVID 19 pandemic protocols are removed, sign-on/sign-off procedure at outer anchorage should revert to the provisions as prescribed in sub-para (iii) of para 23.2 of the Visa Manual 2019."
3. This issues with the concurrence of Ministry of Home Affairs vide their letter No. 25022/17/2017-Imm(Part) dated 14.01.2021.

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1. All stakeholders through DG Shipping Website
2. Hindi Section, DGS, Mumbai
3. Computer Section, DGS Mumbai, with a request to place the notice in DG Shipping Website

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