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MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई  
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING,



F. No. 23-MISC/23/2021-CREW-DGS

Date: 25.09.2023

**DGS Crew Circular No. 22 of 2023**

**Subject: Addendum 3 in respect of DGS Circular No. 23 of 2022 dated 02.12.2022 -- Issuance of Bio-metric Seafarer's Identity Documents (BSID) to Indian Seafarers -- Reg.**

Whereas, the Directorate General of Shipping had issued DGS Crew Circular No. 23 of 2022 dated 02.12.2022 mandating Indian seafarers to obtain Bio-metric Seafarer's Identity Documents (BSID) for availing various services offered by the Directorate General of Shipping and its allied offices.

2. Whereas, the Directorate vide DGS Circular No. 12 of 2023 [Addendum 2 of DGS Circular No. 23 of 2022 dated 02.12.2022 -- Issuance of Bio-metric Seafarer's Identity Documents (BSID) to Indian Seafarers] had relaxed the requirements for institutes enrolling candidates who are not seafarers or do not have a marine background. This relaxation applied to individuals who intend to enroll in courses such as GMDSS (GOC & ROC) Courses and the Vertical Integration Course for Trainers (VICT), Train the Simulator Trainer and Assessor (TSTA), and Assessment, Examination, and Certificate of Seafarers (AECS) Courses.

3. Whereas, the Directorate vide DGS Circular No. 12 of 2023 had granted a one-time extension to seafarers, allowing them until 31.07.2023, to renew, replace, or duplicate their CDC booklets without requiring BSID Cards. Failure to comply with this requirement would result in seafarers being in-eligible to apply for the renewal, replacement, or duplication of their CDC booklets.

4. Whereas, the Directorate is in receipt of various representations from the seafarers intimating regarding expiration of their CDCs and their inability to apply for renewal of the same due to absence of BSID Cards. The matter has duly been examined and it has been decided that to waive the requirement mentioned in Paragraph 04 of the DGS Circular 23 of 2022 with immediate effect, wherein the seafarers were mandated to have BSID Cards in possession for availing various services offered by the Directorate (viz. Issuance of Renewal/Replacement/Duplicate CDCs, Issuance/Revalidation of all CoCs & CoPs, Admission to all Competency, Simulator & Modular Courses except BST, STSDSD).

5. All the MTIs, RPS/Shipping Companies, Unions, Stakeholder and the Allied office of the Directorate, are requested to promote, encourage and advise seafarers to complete their data capturing process of BSID Cards at the nearest Data Capturing Centre before seeking any services provided by the Directorate General of Shipping and its allied offices in relation to the aforementioned matter.

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6. This issues with the approval of Director General of Shipping, Govt. of India.



(Ashish Sinha)

Deputy Director General of Shipping

To,

- i. All stakeholders (owners / employers / recruiters / seafarers union etc.) through DGS website
- ii. All other non-members Shipping Companies to any associations.
- iii. Government Shipping Office, Mumbai/Kolkata/Chennai.
- iv. Mercantile Marine Departments.
- v. Hindi Cell for Translation.
- vi. E-Gov Cell
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