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नौवहन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई  
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI.

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DGS Circular No. 11 of 2023

**Sub: Addendum to DGS Crew Circular No. 23 of 2022 regarding issuance of Bio-metric Seafarer's Identity Documents (BSID) to Indian Seafarers – reg.**

1. Whereas, the Directorate issued DGS Crew Circular No. 23 of 2022 dated 02.12.2022 regarding Issuance of Seafarer's Identity Documents (SID) to Indian Seafarers mandating for availing various services offered by Directorate (viz. Issuance of Renewal / Replacement / Duplicate CDCs, Issuance / Revalidation of all CoCs & CoPs, Admission to all Competency, Simulator & Modular Courses except BST, STSDSD), the seafarer should be in possession of BSID. The said circular came into effect w.e.f. 01.04.2023.
2. Whereas, the Directorate has received representations from MTIs stating that many seafarers have completed the process of submitting application and bio-metric capture at designated centers and are awaiting receipt of physical BSID cards and are not able to join maritime course at MTIs.
3. The Directorate General of Shipping has considered the issue and created a facility where MTI can verify issuance of BSID online. The MTIs can view the issuance of BSID of seafarers against INDOS number from "**SID checker**" by visiting the site <https://dgshippingbsid.in>. The MTIs are allowed to admit candidates after confirming the issuance of BSID from the above mentioned SID checker. It shall be mandatory for MTIs to strictly follow the instructions in para 5 of DGS Crew Circular No. 23 of 2022.
4. Admission taken in violation of DGS Crew Circular No. 23 of 2022 read with para 3 above will be considered as a major non compliance and necessary action shall be initiated against MTIs as per the issued DGS Order i.e. DGS Order 05 and 07 of 2016.
5. This issues with the approval of Director General of Shipping in the rank of Secretary to the Govt. of India.

(Ashish Sinha)

Deputy Director General of Shipping

- To,
- i. All stakeholders (owners/employers/recruiters/seafarers unions etc) through DGS Website.
  - ii. All other non-member Shipping companies to any associations.
  - iii. Shipping Offices, Mumbai/Kolkata/Chennai.
  - iv. Mercantile Marine Departments.
  - v. Hindi Cell for Translation
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  - vii. Computer Cell for uploading at DGS Website.

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