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To,

- 1) The Principal Officer, MMD Mumbai /Kolkata/Chennai/Kandla/Kochi.
- 2) The Shipping Master/DSEO, Mumbai/Kolkata/Chennai.
- 3) DGCOM Centre, Mumbai.

Sub: Modus-operandi of the issues reported of missing, stranded, non payment of wages, non-provisions on board ship, of seafarers, to BGCOM Centre-reg.

Sir.

I am directed to refer to the DGS Circular No 4 of 2017 issued on 11.08.2017 enabling any person for reporting the issues of missing, stranded, nonpayment of wages, non-provisions onboard ship, of seafarers, to DGCOMM Centre.

- In this connection the modus-operandi of dealing such cases is formulated and enclosed herewith (Annexure-I) for your information and compliance.
- 3. This issues with the approval of Director General of Shipping& Special Secretary to the GoI.

Yours faithfully,

(S. Barguzer)

Deputy Director General of Shipping(Crew)

Encl: as above.

Copy for information to:

- 1. Sr.PS to DGS
- 2. Sr.PS to Addl. DG
- 3. NA/CS/CSS
- 4. Computer cell

The modus-operandi of the issues reported of missing, stranded, non-payment of wages, non-provisions on board ship, of seafarers, to DGCOM Centre.

There may be following three categories where cases will be reported to DGCOM Centre:

- Where seafarers are recruited by Indian ship-owner/their RPS registered with DGS, on Indian flag ships.
- 2. Where seafarers are recruited by Indian registered RPS on foreign flag vessels.
- Where seafarers are recruited by unknown/unrecognised agent or directly by foreign shipowner on foreign flag vessels.

Any person who informs the said cases to DGCOM Centre, the following action will require to be taken by DGCOM Centre:

Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
Indian Flag	RPSL-Foreign Flag	Non-RPSL-Foreign Flag
DGCOM on receipt of the case	DGCOM on receipt of the case	DGCOM on receipt of the case
complete details of the case	complete details of the case	complete details of the case
vig. Name INDOS/CDC No. of	vig. Name INDOS/CDC No. of	vig. Name INDOS/CDC No. of
the seafarer(s), name of the	the seafarer(s), name of the	the seafarer(s), name of the
ship, flag of ship, ship-owners	ship, flag of ship, ship-owners	ship, flag of ship, ship-owners
details, RPS details, port where	details, RPS details, port where	details, RPS details, port where
ship is presently stationed, will	ship is presently stationed, will	ship is presently stationed, will
be ascertained by DGCOM	be ascertained.	be ascertained by DGCOM
Centre.		Centre.
A mail will be sent by DGCOM	A mail will be sent by DGCOM	A mail will be sent by DGCOM
to the ship-owner and the RPS	to the ship-owner and the RPS	Centre to the ship-owner and
and Crew Branch of DGS,	and Crew Branch of DGS, DSEO	the RPS [if known] and Crew
Shipping Master /DSEO and	and Port State where ship is	Branch of DGS, Shipping Master
MMD and Port State where	stationed.	/DSEO and Port State where
ship is stationed.		ship is stationed.
The mail to ship-owner/RPS	The mail to ship-owner/RPS	
should specify the presence of	should specify the presence of	DGCOM Centre will request
ship-owner/RPS on next	ship-owner/RPS on next	Flag State/Port State to look
working day in DGS/DSEO with	working day in DGS/DSEO with	into the MLC Certificate issued
action taken report.	action taken report.	to the ship concerned.
		A request will also be sent by
Shipping Master/DSEO will	DSEO will examine the Bank	DGCOM to the Maritime
examine the financial security	Guarantee under RPS Rules and	Administration where the ship-
under MLC and Bank Guarantee	invoke the provision for	owner resides and Indian
under RPS Rules to invoke the	repatriation of seafarers. For	Mission where ship is
provision for repatriation of	prolonged non-payment of	stationed.
seafarers. For prolonged non-	wages by the ship-owner, RPS	
payment of wages by the ship-	to be instructed to further	A request will also be sent by
owner, RPS to be instructed to	advise seafarers to register	DGCOM to the Indian Mission
further advise seafarers to	their lien on the ship through	where ship is stationed with the
register their lien on the ship	legal action.	request for repatriation of

through legal action.

For repatriation of stranded seafarers, Crew Branch of DGS will request the Indian Mission for making necessary arrangement under intimation to DSEO concerned. The reimbursement of expenses to the Indian Mission would be met from the said Bank Guarantee.

MMD will examine the MLC Certificate issued to the ship for its withdrawal.

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DGCOM Centre will request Flag State/Port State to look into the MLC Certificate issued to the ship concerned. A request will also be sent to the Maritime Administration

where the ship-owner resides.

DSEO will also examine the said action taken by the RPS with proof and look into the RPS License issued for its withdrawal accordingly. For prolonged non-payment of wages by the ship-owner, RPS to be instructed to further advise seafarers to register their lien on the ship through legal action.

stranded seafarers and further advice seafarers to register their lien on the ship through legal action in case of nonpayment of wages.