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Sub: Notice to Shipowners and Ship Operators on extension of dry-docking and mandatory/statutory surveys of Indian Ships

The Directorate had issued guidelines for extension of surveys vide MS Notice No 4 of 2008 and MS Notice No 30 of 2009. Directorate had made it clear vide the aforementioned circulars that requests for survey extension will be considered only in case of exigencies and for reasons beyond the control of owners. However, the Directorate has been receiving number of requests from the ship owners for the extension of docking and other mandatory safety surveys in a routine manner and without proper justification. It is also noted that some of these applications are ineligible for consideration, and processing of these cases and related correspondence take away considerable time and resources of the Directorate.

Considering that

- (i) the timely completion of mandatory surveys is essential for the safety of the ship,
- (ii) requests for extension of surveys due to commercial or unjustified reasons are to be discouraged / eliminated, and
- (iii) scarce resources of the Directorate need to be used for more productive purposes, the Director General of Shipping has decided that the following procedure will be followed henceforth for all applications for extension of statutory surveys:
 - (1) The application for extension of surveys or docking, need to be submitted by the company/owners, and signed by the top management/Designated Person (DPA).
 - (2) The company should strictly adhere to the conditions stipulated in the MS Notice no. 30 of 2009 before making any request for postponement of surveys/docking.
 - (3) Any request for postponement of surveys/docking, should be submitted sufficiently in advance, for processing the case.
 - (4) A non-refundable processing fee, as per the scale below, is to be paid alongwith each letter/application related to the postponement of surveys/docking, by way of Crossed Demand Draft in favour of Director General of Shipping, Mumbai. The fee is only for processing the application and do not entitle or guarantee the extension of surveys/docking being sought by the company.

(A) Processing fee for each application for extension of surveys/docking (including surveys outside window period) for periods upto one month:

Vessels upto 500 GT - ₹ 25,000/-

Vessels above 500 GT - ₹ 25,000+ ₹ 10,000 for every additional 500GT or part thereof, subject to a maximum of ₹ 1lakh

(B) Processing fee for each application for periods beyond (A) above OR for subsequent extensions,

Twice the fees under (A) above. subject to a maximum of ₹ 2 lakhs.

This procedure comes into effect from the date of issue of this MS Notice.

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4. All Major ports.
5. Computer Cell.
6. Hindi Cell for translation and uploading on website.
7. Indian Coastal Conference (ICC)
8. INSA, 22, Maker Tower "F", 2nd floor, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai- 400005.
9. Indian Register of Shipping, 52A, Adi Shankaracharya Marg, Opp. Powai Lake, Powai, Mumbai - 400072.
10. PS to DG for information.