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<u>Sub:</u> <u>Procedure for dealing with applications of MTOs where there is a gap in insurance coverage required under Section 7 (1) of Multimodal Transportation of Goods Act (MMTG), 1993.</u>

Whereas, Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) administers MMTG Act, 1993.

Whereas, the Directorate processes various application for Registration and Renewal of Multimodal Transport Operators (MTO) under the provision of section 4 of MMTG Act, 1993.

Whereas, proviso to Section 7 of MMTG Act mandates that the Multimodal Transport Operator (MTO) shall issue the Multimodal Transport Document (MTD) only after obtaining, and during the subsistence of a valid insurance cover.

Whereas, MTO circular No. 01 of 2010 prescribed the procedure for issuance of Registration/Renewal as MTO under section 4 of MMTG Act, 1993 with respect to online application.

Whereas, it has been observed in some applications that there is a break in insurance cover ranging from day to years.

Whereas, such situation of insurance coverage also put the MTOs in risk position.

Whereas, issuance of any MTD by the MTO in such situation will be in violation of Section 7 of the MMTG Act, 1993.

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Whereas, section 5 (b) of the MMTG Act, 1993 stipulates that in case of any contravention of any provision of the MMTG Act, 1993 or rules made thereunder after registration, the competent authority may by order cancel the certificate of registration after a reasonable opportunity of show cause against the proposed action has been given.

Whereas, it has been decided by the competent authority that absence of insurance coverage for any period would be dealt as per the provision of section 5 and 7 of MMTG Act, 1993 by issuing notice which shall be to replied within seven days, so as to ensure natural justice.

Now therefore, the submission of the application/extension in violation of insurance coverage would be examined in light of above provisions and would be dealt accordingly.

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1. All stakeholders concerned through DGS Website.

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