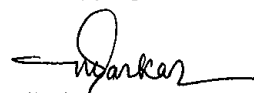


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1. The Directorate has already issued the guidelines for the conduct of Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS) (Operational and Management Level) course and certification of seafarers for ECDIS vide STCW Circular No.29 of 2012 dated 10.12.2012.
2. All navigational officers (Operational and Management Level) assigned to serve on vessels that are fitted with Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS) are required to undergo DGS approved ECDIS course, prior to obtaining the first or higher certificate of competency under STCW 2010, or prior to revalidation of their Certificate of Competency under STCW 2010 in order to continue to qualify for sea service after 31st December 2016.
3. However, the training and assessment in the use of ECDIS is not required for those who serve exclusively on ships not fitted with ECDIS. This limitation shall be reflected in their Certificate of Competency [CoC] issued to the seafarer concerned.
4. This is issued with the approval of the Director General of Shipping and ex-officio Addl. Secretary to the Government of India.


(Mahua Sarkar)

Dy. Director General of Shipping

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