

M.S. Notice 9 of 1999

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Subject : Approval of portable chemical fire extinguishers

The Director general of Shipping has been giving approval to 9 liter portable chemical fire extinguishers, 9 liter portable Soda Acid extinguishers and 45 litre non portable chemical, fire extinguishers for a number of years . These portable and non portable extinguishers are manufactured as per Bureau of Indian Standards(BIS) specifications by various approved manufacturers. In recent times BIS has withdrawn both the above manufacturing specifications for the extinguishers. BIS is also going to withdraw its specifications for the refills of the above extinguishers by December 2000. Since the Director General of Shipping follows a national standards for manufacture of these extinguishers for marine use, it has been decided that the 9 litre chemical foam fire extinguishers, 9 litre soda acid extinguishers and 45 litre non portable chemical foam extinguishers are no longer acceptable for marine use with immediate effect. These extinguishers, wherever they are fitted on board ships/barges/tugs/launches/off shore vessel has to be replaced by acceptable equivalent by December