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## **Engineering Circular No. 02 of 2015**

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### **Sub: Applicability of International Safety Management (ISM) Code to Non-Commercial Indian ships-reg.**

The Government of India had notified the Merchant shipping (Management for the Safe Operation of ships) Rules 2000 vide G.S.R 432(E) with amendments in 2002 and 2003. These rules provide for application of International Safety Management (ISM) on Indian ships and to Indian Shipping companies.

It has been brought to the notice of this Directorate that there is some confusion regarding the applicability of said rules on Government owned vessels being used for non commercial purpose.

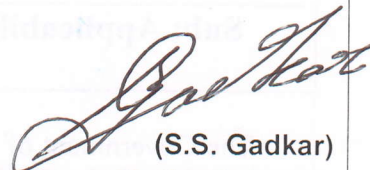
Considering the above, following clarification is being issued:

1. The above referred rules are applicable to all Indian Passenger Ships including High Speed Crafts of any size; Oil Tankers, Chemical Tankers, Gas Carriers, Bulk Carriers, High Speed Cargo Crafts, Other Cargo Ships and MODU of 500 GT or more.
2. It may be noted that the said rules do not provide any waiver/exemption from the implementation of the provisions of ISM Code on board government owned/operated ships used for non commercial purpose.
3. However, in the past there have been instances where this Administration has granted waiver from implementation of ISM on board government owned ships used for non commercial purpose. Now after review of this practice and due to the fact that such government owned ships are being managed /operated by Government Undertakings / Private ship managers who already have implemented SMS in their fleet and have valid DOC's and are in a position to extend the implementation of SMS on board such managed / operated ships, it is, therefore, clarified that henceforth the Rule stated above would be applicable to all such Indian

Government ships as stated in Sr. No 1 above when operated by any company other than the owners (The Govt. of India).

4. Considering the nature of operations and the significant number of non-seafarers on such vessels, the need for an effective safety management system cannot be stressed more and thus owners of such vessels are urged to appoint managers /operators with valid DOC only.
5. The managers/operators operating such ships may note that such vessels would automatically fall under the scope of DOC/SMC audits.
6. Noting the possible procedural delays in implementing SMS, it is advised that all such vessels who have not yet implemented SMS on board should be ready for Interim SMC audit within six months from the date of issue of this circular.

This is issued with the approval of the competent authority and comes into effect from the date of issue of this circular.



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4. Indian National Ship-owners' Association (INSA), Mumbai.
5. CS/NA/CSS/Jt.D-G.
6. Hindi Cell.
7. Guard file.
8. Computer Cell.