

## **M.S. Notice 10 of 2002**

**Dated: May 20, 2002**

### **Sub: Powers of the Govt. of India to give directions to ships licensed under Merchant Shipping Act, 1958**

In view of the provision contained in Section 411 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, the Director General of Shipping is empowered in respect of ships which are licensed under sections 406 & 407 of the said Act to direct such ships to follow a prescribed route or divert any ships so licensed to follow another route.

Under the said section, the Director General of Shipping is also empowered to deal with passengers or cargoes which are carried by ships, which are licensed under the M.S. Act, and also to prescribe the rotation of ports. It may kindly be noted that the said powers of the Director General of Shipping cover routes and cargoes worldwide.

The attention of all ship master and owners is invited to the provisions of above section and they are requested to be in readiness for further instructions in this regard.

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