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Subject : Seagoing service on board non trading cadet training ship.

1. Background:-

1.1 As per Standards of Training, Certification and Watch keeping, (STCW'95 Convention), every candidate for certification of officer in-charge of navigation watch on ships of 500 gross tonnage or more shall have approved sea going service of not less than one year as part of an approved training programme which includes on-board training which meets the requirements of section A-II/1 of the STCW Code and is documented in an approved training record book. The candidate shall have performed, during the required sea going service, bridge watch keeping duties under the supervision of the master or a qualified officer for a period of not less than six months.

1.2 As per Merchant Shipping (Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers), Rules 1998 (META Manual Volume-I), Section M-II/1, Page II/5; the candidate, who completes the Pre-sea education and training of three year degree course in B.Sc. (Nautical Science) required to perform 12 months of seagoing service which includes on board training, training record book and six months supervised bridge watch keeping duties.

1.3 As per META Manual Volume - I, Section M-II/11, Para B.6; the sea going service performed on foreign-going trading ships of 500 gross tonnage or more will be counted in full for the purpose of assessment of seagoing service.

1.4 As per META Manual Volume - I, Section M-II/11, Para C.10; seagoing service performed on non-trading ships listed in page II/35 will be considered at the rate of two thirds of corresponding seagoing service on a foreign going ships and it will be assessed by the assessment center taking into account of type of vessel, gross tonnage of the vessel, sea area of operation, length and duration of the voyage, actual period of stay in port and sea, nature of operation performed in port and sea; and nature of duties performed by the concerned officer beyond watch keeping duties, if any.

1.5 As per META Manual Volume I, Section M-II/11, Page II/35; the cadet training ship is not listed either as trading ship or, non-trading ship.

2. Justification:-

2.1 The cadet training ships are dedicated for the training of deck cadets with the cadet's training programme, which gives the training schedule and record of training during the period.

2.2 The trainees will be complying with the structured training on board the ship based on the on-board training record book for deck cadets to become an officer in-charge of navigational watch on ships of 500 gross tonnage or more.

2.3 The training ship will have dedicated training officers, who will monitor the progress of training programme of deck cadets on-board ship.

2.4 The ship will be plying in different sea areas for complying with the requirements of watch keeping duties at sea in addition to the watch keeping duties at port and anchorage.

2.5 This training programme is open only to the B.Sc. (Nautical Science) graduates, who will be trained on board the training ships for a period of four to six months out of required twelve months seagoing service.

2.6 The cadets will acquire not only understanding and skillfulness in shipboard operation but also awareness of leadership, mental, physical strength and the value of human relation.

3. Condition to consider seagoing service performed on cadet training ship:-

3.1 The cadet training ship shall be registered as "training ship" and dedicated for the said purpose.

3.2 The cadet shall be exposed to different situations in training ship as it is happening on board a normal seagoing merchant ship.

3.3 The seagoing service of four months performed in the training ship will be counted in full for

the purpose of assessment of approved seagoing service for examination. Any sea service performed beyond 4 months upto a maximum period of 6 months shall be counted at half the rate of the actual sea service on board such ship as a qualifying approved sea service for examination. Service performed beyond 6 months on such training ship shall not be counted for assessment.

3.4 Out of four months of seagoing service, a cadet shall have a minimum one month of propelling period. The propelling period shall be documented in cadets training record book and endorsed by the master of the training ship.

3.5 The balance period of sea service shall be performed on a trading ship as a part of approved training programme. It is mandatory that a minimum of 6 months of sea service shall be performed on a cargo trading ship as part of approved training programme for such trainees.

3.6 The training programme on board the training ship shall be approved by the Directorate General of Shipping.

This is issued with the approval of Director General of Shipping and Ex-officio Additional Secretary to the Government of India.

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