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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

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Sub.: Requirements for Indian Flag vessels calling Indian Offshore Facilities.

Whereas the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 aims to ensure the efficient maintenance of an Indian mercantile marine in an manner best suited to serve the national interest and to provide for the safety and security of Indian ships including prevention and containment of pollution of the sea.

- 2. Whereas during investigation of maritime casualties that occurred during cyclone Tauktae, it has been observed that some Indian vessels operating in Indian offshore facilities may have been operating with expired/invalid statutory certificates and without the applicable minimum manning required for operating at offshore facilities.
- 3. In view of the above, it is clarified that all Indian Flag vessels operating in Indian Offshore Facilities shall comply with the following requirements, and the operator of the offshore facility shall be responsible for ensuring compliance of same;
 - a. All applicable statutory certificates (including insurance certificate and certificate of class) and trading license of the vessel shall remain valid during stay of such vessel in the Indian coastal waters.
 - b. The vessel shall continue to be manned in accordance with the applicable 'Minimum Safe Manning Document' issued to such vessel, during its stay at the offshore facility and Indian coastal waters.
- 4. The operator of the vessel intending to operate the vessel at the Indian Offshore Facility, shall directly or through his agent submit documents to the operator of the offshore facility for ascertaining compliance with the above mentioned requirements.

5. Compliance with above mentioned requirements needs to be checked each time the vessel enters the Port or Offshore Facility, in case if the vessel stays in port or offshore facility continuously for one month or more then compliance needs to be re-checked by the port authority or the offshore facility operator on monthly basis. In additional, port authority or offshore facility operator may check as and when required to ensure compliance.

This is for information and compliance by all stakeholders.

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To:

- 1. All Stakeholders (Shipowners, operators, Charterers, Seafarers, etc.) through DGS website
- 2. INSA, Mumbai
- 3. ICSSA, Mumbai
- 4. Additional Director General, Immigration