

## M.S. Notice 25 of 2010

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**Subject: Suspension of issuance of Continuous Discharge Certificate Cum-Seafarers Identity Document (CDC) for GMDSS Certificate holders**

Global Maritime Distress Safety System (GMDSS) General Operations Certificate (GOC) is mandated for carrying out duties relating to Radio Communication Function on board ships. Candidates with GMDSS GOC are being issued with Continuous Discharge Certificate cum-Seafarers Identity Document (CDC) for jobs relating to Radio Communications Function on board ships. Consequent to the implementation of STCW - 95 Convention, the competency of Radio Communications function is covered as Function 7 in the Certificate of Competency (CoC) issued to deck officers. Thus, CoC holders in the deck department are also competent to carry out the Radio Communications Function on board ships.

2) In view of the above, the engagement of a GMDSS GOC holder for carrying out Radio Communication Functions alone on board no longer is considered necessary.

3) It has been observed in the meantime, however, that a number of training institutes are seeking approval of training GMDSS course and, more importantly considerable number of GMDSS certificate holders who have not undergone the necessary pre-sea training apply for CDC and have been getting CDC as such. After these they obtain employment on board various ships not in the category of Radio Officers but at different levels for e.g. ratings, thereafter staking a claim for Watch Keeping Certificate and applying for CoC(FG) by bypassing the prescribed pre-sea training stipulation. This practice apart from being irregular encroaches upon the deployment prospects of GP rating stream who have undergone the prescribed pre-sea training.

4) In order to remedy the above situation, Shipping Masters are directed to immediately stop receiving applications for CDC of GMDSS GOC holders, whether Indian or UK or any other country for that matter, who have not undergone the prescribed pre-sea training.

5) Issuance of CDC in respect of applications pending now should be put on hold so as to ensure that such CDCs are issued for the purpose of engagement as Radio Officers only. Necessary instructions in this regard will follow.

6) This M.S. Notices will come into effect with immediate effect.

7) This issues with the approval of Director General of Shipping & ex.officio Additional Secretary to Govt. of India.

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