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Sub.: Certificate of Competency as Cook in the merchant navy-reg.

The Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), 2006, has entered into force, globally, on 20.08.13, following its ratification by the required number of Member-States of the International Labour Organization (ILO). Post 20.08.13, merchant ships which are to be inspected, globally, under the Port State Control (PSC) regime, will also be inspected for the purpose of compliance of MLC, amongst other things. The ratification of the said Convention by India is at an advanced stage, currently. However, in the meanwhile the MLC stands already legislated into the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 as amended through the Merchant Shipping [Second Amendment] Act, 2014 and the same shall come into force from the 1st April, 2015, in terms of the Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India's Notification S.O. 522(E) dated 16.02.15 [No.SR-12011/1/2011-MG].

2. The MLC, 2006 has set out certain requirements under its Standard A 3.2 Para 3, which cast an obligation on the merchant ship owners to ensure that seafarers who are engaged as cooks on board such ships are trained, qualified and found competent for the said position in accordance with the requirements set out in the laws and regulations of the Member-state concerned.

3. The Merchant Shipping (Certificate of Competency as Cook in the Merchant Navy) Rules, 1991, promulgated vide the Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India's gazette notification No. G.S.R.709 [F. No. A-33025/19/91-MT] dated 13.12.91, as amended, prescribe details of eligibility & qualifications for an issuance of the said certificate of competency for cook in the merchant navy.

4. The said certificates of competency is issued in the prescribed format contained in the 'First Schedule' under Rule 6 of the said Rules, by the 3 (three) jurisdictional Shipping Masters of the Govt. Shipping Offices, located at Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata.

5. The certificates of competency issued under the said Rules cover the said Standards of the MLC, 2006. It is, therefore, clarified to all concerned that the certificates of competency for cooks in the merchant navy, issued under the said Rules are MLC compliant.

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



(Subhash Barguzer)

Assistant Director General of Shipping (crew)

To,

1. Shipping Masters, Govt. Shipping Offices, Mumbai, Chennai & Kolkata

I. Copy forwarded for an information & necessary action to the;

1. Principal Officers, MMDs, Mumbai/Kolkata/Chennai/Kochi/Kandla.
2. Surveyors-in-Charge, Mercantile Marine Departments [MMDs], Vishakhapatnam/ Tuticorin/Port Blair/ Jamnagar/ Marmagao/ New Mangalore/ Paradeep/Haldia/ NOIDA.
3. Directors, Seamen's Employment Offices, Mumbai/Chennai/Kolkata.
4. Indian Maritime University, Chennai/LBS College, Mumbai.
5. INSA/FOSMA/MASSA/ICCSA
6. MUI/NUSI/
7. Nautical Branch/ Training Branch/ Engineering Branch, DGS, Gol.
8. Hindi Branch, DGS, Gol, for translation.
- ✓ 9. Computer Branch, DGS, for hoisting in the website of DG Shipping.
10. Sr. P.S. to the DGS,

- II. Copy submitted for an information to the Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Shipping, Transport Bhavan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi- 110 001.
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