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नौवहन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F. No. 22-38/5/2023-PER-DGS

Dated: 25.01.2023

DGS Order No. 2 of 2023

Subject: Re-envisioning of Anti-Piracy Branch of the Directorate into Maritime Security Branch (MSB) in the Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai – reg.

The Anti-Piracy branch of the Directorate was established as the nodal Branch of the Directorate to deal with potential Maritime Security situations arising out of any hijacking at sea of merchant vessels with Indian crew, an Inter-Ministerial Group of Officers (IMGO) which was set up by the Government of India and an Anti-Piracy Contingency Plan for dealing with piracy and hijacking of merchant ships with Indian crew.

2. Given the cross-sectoral nature of maritime security challenges, and such events have the effect on Indian seafarers and shipping, and considering being forward thinking especially since India is continually strengthening the maritime security architecture after the Mumbai terror attack in 2008, the need has been felt that the current Anti-Piracy Branch be evolved to 'Maritime Security Branch' under the Nautical Wing.

3. Establishing of a 'Maritime Security Branch' will help in more effectively coordination with intergovernmental organizations, international agencies and Foreign Governments to ensure prevention, deterrence and counter of the multiple security threats and challenges which is constantly evolving.

4. Accordingly, the Competent Authority has constituted the Maritime Security Branch in the Directorate General of Shipping comprising of the following officers:

Maritime Security Branch:

1. Capt. Anish Joseph, Deputy Nautical Adviser-cum-Senior Deputy Director General (Technical)
2. Shri Mahesh Yadav, Assistant Director General of Shipping
3. Shri PL. Muthu, Executive Officer
4. One LDC/UDC/Data Entry Operator (Order would be issued separately).

5. Maritime Security can be considered to be a combination of growing number of challenges arising from traditional and other issues. Accordingly the following functions will be carried out by the Maritime Security Branch such as;

- a. Piracy,
- b. Hijacking,

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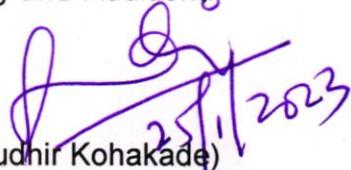
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- c. Geopolitical rivalries spilling affecting shipping (eg. Russia-Ukraine war),
- d. Illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing,
- e. New or non-traditional threats such as organized crime, various forms of illicit activities taking place at sea like smuggling, illegal dumping of waste into sea.
- f. Any other function as assigned by the Competent Authority.

6. This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping and Additional Secretary to the GOI.


(Dr. Sudhir Kohakade)
Deputy Director General of Shipping

To,

1. Capt. Anish Joseph, Deputy Nautical Adviser-cum-Senior Deputy Director General (Technical), MMD Mumbai.
2. Shri Mahesh Yadav, Assistant Director General of Shipping, D.G. Shipping, Mumbai
3. Shri PL.Muthu, Executive Officer, D.G. Shipping, Mumbai.

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