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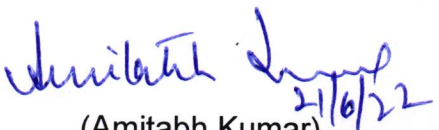
DGS Order No. 18 of 2022

**Subject : Corrigendum to DGS Order 6 of 2013 - Certification of Containers
Manufactured in India in accordance with CSC 1972.**

1. In 1972 a joint conference called by United Nations and IMO adopted Convention for Safe Containers (CSC 1972) to achieve following two goals:
 - (i) to maintain a high level of safety of human life in the transport and handling of containers by providing generally acceptable test procedures and related strength requirements which have proven adequate over the years.
 - (ii) to facilitate the international transport of containers by providing uniform international safety regulations, equally applicable to all modes of surface transport. In this way, proliferation of divergent national safety regulations can be avoided.
2. The Convention sets out procedures whereby containers used in international transport must be safety-approved by the Administration of a Contracting Party.
3. Article IV of the CSC Convention permits an Administration to entrust such testing, inspection and approval to an organization shall inform the Secretary-General of the IMO for communication to Contracting Parties. The organization authorized by it, will then authorize the manufacturer to affix to approve containers a Safety Approval Plate containing the relevant technical data.
4. The DGS Order 6 of 2013 {Statutory Certification and Services of Indian ships by the Recognised Organizations (ROs)} details the procedures for survey of ships and approval of components and equipment under various IMO Conventions such as SOLAS, MARPOL, Load Line etc. Paragraph 6 of the said Order is related to Type Approval of Products and Equipment and states

that the certification of the equipment/material/appliances manufactured in India shall be taken exclusively by Indian Register of Shipping on behalf of Government of India.

5. However, pointing out that the container manufacturing and associated safety inspections/approvals are only evolving sectors in India and large number of containers need to be manufactured and approved in India in a time-bound manner, the Directorate has received request from organization such as CONCOR to permit joint certification of containers by IRS along with any other Recognized Organization authorised by the Govt. of India for an interim period of 6 months.
6. In partial modification to DGS Order 6 of 2013, the Directorate hereby permits conduct of joint certification/inspection of Containers (only) as per CSC Convention 1972 by IRS along with any other Recognized Organization (to be decided by product owner or IRS) authorised by the Govt of India for an interim period of 6-M to be extendable to 12-Months, subject to review of the situation. Necessary procedural requirements including for sharing of fees, shall be guided by mutual agreements / work arrangements between IRS and the other Recognized Organization as the case may be.
7. This order shall come into operation with immediate effect.


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To,

All Stakeholders concerned through DGS Website.