

Guidelines for grant of licence to foreign flag vessels - Dispensation of NoC from ICC

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Sub-Section (3) of Section 406 and sub-section (2) of Section 407 Ms Act 1958 empower the D.G. Shipping to grant the licence to foreign flag vessel subject to such conditions as may be specified by him. The last detailed guidelines for grant of licence to foreign flag vessels were issued by the Director-General of Shipping vide SD Circular No. 2 of 2002 dated 8.11.02. Among other things, these guidelines stipulate obtaining NoC from INSA and ICC while submitting application along with other certificates.

The Directorate has received requests that the procedure for chartering for grant of licence to foreign flag vessels may be simplified. The matter has been examined internally in the Directorate with senior officials in Standing Core Committee held on 1.2.06. After detailed discussion, it was brought out that since majority of members of ICC are members of INSA, the NoC from ICC can be dispensed with. INSA has agreed to circulate the enquiry to members of ICC who are not members of INSA by circulating the same email while circulating email to INSA members. This will help in avoiding additional paper work to the charterer as well as reduce the processing time in the Directorate since many a times in absence of NoC from ICC, back reference to ICC is made resulting in further delay.

In view of all above, the Director General of Shipping and Secretary to Govt. of India is pleased to dispense with NoC as stipulated in SD Circular No. 2 of 2002 from ICC with immediate effect. INSA will ensure that invariably, the enquiry is circulated to members of ICC also while circulating their enquiry to their members.

The procedure will be reviewed as and when required in case any hardship to Indian shipowner and/or charterer is brought to the notice of the Directorate.

This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping and Secretary to the Government of India.

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