

Registration of RPS Providers under M.S. (Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers) Rules, 2005.

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Subject: Registration of RPS Providers under M.S. (Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers) Rules, 2005.

1. M.S. (Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers) Rules, 2005 have been in effect since 18th March, 2005. Rules-8 of these Rules requires that a person, company, institution, agency or other organization in the public or private sector which is engaged in recruiting seafarers on behalf of employers or placing seafarers with employers, may obtain a license to do so on or before 31 December, 2006.
2. Indian shipowners have been representing that they need not obtain a license under the M.S. (Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers) Rules, 2005. This matter has been reviewed and it is clarified that-
 - a. Indian Shipowners are not required to be registered under M.S. (Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers) Rules, 2005, when recruiting seafarers for placing them on their own vessels, provided they engage them directly through their own offices.
3. If however Indian ship-owners do not engage seafarer directly through their own office but through an agent, it would be necessary for them to engage a agent duly licensed under the M.S. (RPS) Rules, 2005. Indian ship-owners shall submit documents declaring and describing their procedures for recruitment and placement & the name and details of their RPS, if any, to the office of Director, Seamen's Employment Office with copy endorsed to this Directorate within 15 days of the issue of this circular. They shall file also the name of the authorized signatories whose signature will be appended to the Articles of Agreement filed for their vessels. Any change in this declaration shall be intimated to the Shipping Master's Office without which the Article of Agreement will be automatically rejected.

All Indian ship owners may note that Article of Agreement shall be rejected by the Office of Shipping Master from non-registered RPS providers and the ship will be liable to suspension / revoking of its General Trading License, if it sails without due observance of these procedures of safe manning.

All Indian Shipowners, INSA, FOSMA, MASSA, Seafarers Unions, training institutes and other registered RPS providers are hereby advised to disseminate this information to all concerned for information.

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