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Sub: Procedure for certification of material / equipment /appliances used on Indian ships.

Noting that the growth in the Shipbuilding industry requires a response from the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) that leads to a speedier process of approval, certification and survey; and

In supersession of existing guidelines and circulars for equipment/material/appliances to be used in ship construction or ship repair;

Where the Merchant Shipping Act 1958 as amended and rules framed there under require that particular equipment/material/appliances shall be used or provided in the hull or machinery of the ship;

It is decided that henceforth :-

1. Where the equipment/material/appliances used is manufactured outside India,

it should carry the Type Approval/Individual Product Approval Certificate of the Maritime Administration of the country of manufacture (or the EC Type Approval if pertinent), or the Certificate of any of the following Classification Societies recognized by the Government of India on behalf of that Maritime Administration. It should also carry test reports, certifying testing according to the latest relevant IMO Code.

- i. Lloyds Register
- ii. Bureau Veritas
- iii. Det Norske Veritas AS
- iv. American Bureau of Shipping
- v. Germanischer Lloyds
- vi. Nippon Kaiji Kyokai
- vii. Indian Register of Shipping.

- 2. Where the equipment/material/appliances used are manufactured within India, it should have with it the Type Approval/Individual Product Approval of this Directorate General of Shipping (DGS).
- 3. The equipment/material/appliances should be sourced directly from the manufacturer or his certified agent in this country, or any of the approved vendors till the expiry of their Letter of Acceptance. Please note that the Letter of Acceptance by the Directorate General of Shipping will no longer be issued for any Product, or any equipment/material/appliances.
- 4. The inspection of the equipment/material/appliances for use on board ship and of its certificates will be done by the Indian Register of Shipping, who will also carry out the necessary verification and trials, including those of navigational, fire-fighting, life-saving, lights and sound signal, communication and other safety equipment/material/appliances.

5. DGS Surveyors would carry out an audit of the work of the Class periodically and as decided by the Administration.
6. Shipbuilders, Shipyards and Ship Repair facilities are reminded of their obligation to ensure that all equipment/material/appliances used on ships is in conformity with the requirements of the Merchant Shipping Act 1958 as amended and rules framed there under and any subsequent applicable IMO guidelines. Should the shipyard/shipbuilder equip the ship with equipment/material/appliances which are not approved or whose approvals cannot be verified from their certificates, the Class shall through their attending Surveyors record and inform the shipbuilder/shipyard of the non-conformity.

Delays on account of any rectification involved shall be solely the responsibility of the shipbuilder/shipyard/ship repair facility.

This issue with the approval of the Director-General of Shipping & ex-officio Addl. Secretary to Govt of India.

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[Encl:- Instruction to Recognised Organisation/Surveyors.](#)