

Issuance of Safe Manning documents on the Nautical side.

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I am directed to invite reference to this office letters of even number dated 22.06.2001, 24.07.2002, 20.08.2002, 17.09.2002 & 02.05.2003 circulating the guidelines on Minimum Safe Manning Scale for different categories of ships.

With growth in shipping operations and ever-increasing demand for qualified Nautical Officers at senior levels, our coastal vessels (including tugs and offshore crafts), are facing difficulty in recruitment.

In order to give an impetus to coastal shipping and to be able to cope up with the increasing manpower demand on coastal fleet, it has been decided to further rationalize the Safe Manning Scale on the Nautical side.

Several rounds of discussion have been held with the industry representatives and officers of the Directorate and taking into account the above requirements and in order to provide adequate manning of these vessels, the Minimum [Safe Manning Scale on the Nautical Side](#) is accordingly revised and enclosed herewith for further necessary action.

These guidelines supersede all earlier guidelines as issued by the Directorate General of Shipping for the Deck side manning.

This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping and ex-Officio Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

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