

# **Guidelines on towing permission from Indian Coast / Offshore Oil Development Area (ODA) and for Overseas Voyages - Reg.**

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To

1. The Principal Officer, Mercantile Marine Department, (MMD) Mumbai / Kolkata/ Chennai/ Kochi/Kandla.
2. Chairman, Indian Register of Shipping, (IRS) 52 - A, Adi Shankaracharya Marg, Powai, Mumbai - 400 072.
3. Inspector, General, (IG) Indian Coast Guard, (ICG), Mumbai.
4. Director General Hydro Carbon, (DGH) Noida.
5. Chairman - Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB), Maharashtra Maritime Board (MMB), Tamilnadu Maritime Board (TMB).
6. Flag Officer Defense Advisory Group (FODAG), Mumbai.
7. Group General Manager - Oil & Natural Gas Commission - (ONGC), Mumbai.
8. President, Indian National Ship Owners Association (INSA), 22, Maker Tower - F, 2nd Floor, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai - 400 005.
9. Chairman, Foreign Owners Representatives and Ship Managers, Association (FOSMA), Maker Chamber V, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400 021.
10. Chairman, Maritime Association of Ship Owners, Ship Mangers & Agents (MASSA), Mackinon & Mackenzie, 1st Floor, 4 - Shoorji Vallabhdas Marg, Ballard Estate, Mumbai - 400 038.

## **Sub: Guidelines on towing permission from Indian Coast / Offshore Oil Development Area (ODA) and for Overseas Voyages - Reg.**

Sir,

This is in reference to the stated subject matter; I am directed to inform you that the new guidelines for granting voyage permission to Towing vessel or s / Towed ship or s-objects or s have been prepared by the Directorate.

In this context, I am directed to forward herewith the [Merchant Shipping Notice No. 13 of 2008](#) dated 12th Sept, 2008, which incorporates these guidelines. This notice includes the following forms for your information and necessary action.

1. Procedures for inspection and certification of towing ship/towed ship and towing arrangements to grant towing permission.
2. Application form for towing permission ([FORM-A](#)).
3. Checklist for Survey ([FORM-B](#)).
4. Recognized Inspecting bodies of DG Shipping ([FORM-C](#)).
5. Quarterly Returns by the authorized bodies of DG Shipping on towing permission to Principal Officer, MMD districts ([FORM-D](#)).

This notice supersedes Directorate General of Shipping's earlier guidelines on towing permission issued vide letter number No. 19-NT (1)/92 dated 25.05.1992, 13-NT(2)/2002 dated 29.1.2002, 11-NT(58)/2007 dated

19.7.2007 and all other notifications on this subject. This MS Notice No. 13 of 2008 dated 12th September 2008 comes into force with effect from 15th September 2008.

The Directorate would appreciate if your feedback on its effectiveness during implementation and enforcement process is communicated either to the Nautical Advisor to the Government of India, email - [na@dgshipping.com](mailto:na@dgshipping.com) or to DG Comm Centre at periodical intervals. Contact details of DG Commcentre are Telephone : 2261 0606 / 4646, FAX - 2261 3636, email [dgcommcentre@satyammaail.net](mailto:dgcommcentre@satyammaail.net), [dgcommcentre@vsnl.net](mailto:dgcommcentre@vsnl.net).

The notice has been placed on DG Shipping website [www.dgshipping.com](http://www.dgshipping.com).

Your co-operation in this regard is solicited.

Yours faithfully,

**sd/-**

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**Nautical Surveyor-cum-DDG (Tech).**