

Replacement of Continuous Discharge Certificate-cum- Seafarers Identity Document (CDC) issued under Merchant Shipping (CDC) Rules, 1960

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1. Continuous Discharge Certificates issued under 1960 Rules did not have any validity date indicated on them. However, the revised Rules promulgated in 1993 and 2001 provided for validity period of 5 years and 10 years respectively. Therefore, Shipowner's Association had represented that holders of Continuous Discharge Certificates issued under 1960 Rules, could be issued with new Continuous Discharge Certificates.
2. The Directorate was in receipt of representation on the subject of issuing "Replacement of Continuous Discharge Certificates" issued under CDC Rules 1960. Shipping Master was unable to replace such Continuous Discharge Certificates since the cut-off date set for replacing such Continuous Discharge Certificates has expired on 31.12.2006.
3. Hence, the issue was examined in the Directorate and M.S. Notice [No.23 of 2003](#) dated 25.8.2003 was issued. This Notice sets out the guidelines for issuance of replacement CDC and provides for a cut-off date of 25.8.2003 for seafarers to apply for replacement CDC. The said cut-off date was extended on three occasion viz vide M.S. Notice [No.9/2004](#) dated 25.8.2004 (upto 24.8.2005), vide M.S. Notice [No.14/2005](#) dated 28.10.2005(Upto 31.12.2006) and vide M.S. Notice No [17 OF 2008](#) dated 2.9.2008 (Upto 31.3.2009).
4. However, this Directorate continues to receive representation from Seafarers, who had continued to sail with their old Continuous Discharge Certificates issued under Merchant Shipping (CDC) Rules, 1960 for issuance of new Continuous Discharge Certificates....
5. Now, therefore, noting that existing Seafarers need to be issued with new CDC so that they can continue their gainful employment at sea, the Competent Authority has extended the cut-off date for receiving applications for issuance of new Continuous Discharge Certificates to existing Seafarers who are in possession of Continuous Discharge Certificates issued under M.S.(CDC)Rules, 1960 to 31.12.2011, subject to adherence of following procedure by issuing authority (Shipping Master):-
 - a. Old entries viz, CDC number, name, identification mark, if any, signature, photograph and other personal details etc. are required to be verified and matched with existing available records with office of Shipping Master.
 - b. A unique CDC number of the old CDC is retained for the 'replaced CDC'.
 - c. As per prevailing procedures, the applications are received by Post and CDC is issued to that person, by Post only. The details of new/replaced CDC are recorded in the concerned CDC register.
 - d. Noting that, it may be difficult to match the photograph and signatures which may have altered over time, receipt documents such as Certificate of Competency, Certificate of modular courses or Passport may also be checked.
 - e. Candidate has to satisfactorily complete 4 STCW Modular Courses from DGS approved Institutes.
 - f. Candidates has to submit application after obtaining INDOS No. which is mandatory.
 - g. The applicant shall also submit details of his next of kin if not given earlier or different from earlier given one in his application.

6. This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping and ex-officio Additional Secretary to the Government of India.

7. Hindi Version follows.

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