

Issuance of Continuous Discharge Certificate-cum-Seafarer's Identity Document (CDC) in the modified format with security features.

DGS Order No. 3 of 2009

NO:32(6)-CR/99-2005-VI

Dated: 24th June, 2009

Subject : Issuance of Continuous Discharge Certificate-cum-Seafarer's Identity Document (CDC) in the modified format with security features.

Whereas it is noted that the "Continuous Discharge Certificate" (CDC), is presently being issued in the format prescribed under Rule (2) of Merchant Shipping (Continuous Discharge Certificate-cum-Seafarer's Identity Document) Rules 2001, as amended;

And whereas it has come to the notice of the Directorate that cases of fake CDCs which have surfaced in the recent past had been reported highlighting inter-alia the facts that the existing CDC booklet form is susceptible to misuse by unscrupulous persons as its security features are inadequate;

Whereas, after taking into consideration of all the above aspects, this Directorate has felt it desirable to develop a modified CDC booklet form incorporating multiple security features in it;

And whereas in the process of developing such a new CDC booklet with additional features to make it far less susceptible to tampering and misuse, it has become necessary to reorder the information requirements in the CDC in partial modification of the format prescribed in Rule 6(2) of the M.S. (CDC) Rules, 2001.

Now therefore, the Director General of Shipping & Ex-officio Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India, in exercise of powers under Section 456 of Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 is pleased to make certain partial modification of Form 1 (Rule 6(2) of the M.S. (CDC) Rules, 2001) and direct that-

- a. The new CDCs are to be issued to all fresh CDC applicants w.e.f. 1.7.2009.
- b. Seafarers already holding the CDC are advised to replace the same with new CDC. Procedure and time schedule for replacement of old CDC will be prescribed separately.
- c. Rs.1000/- shall be charged as fee for the issue of new CDC as replacement.
- d. Separate proposal has been sent to Ministry of Shipping to notify amended CDC format.

Sd/-

(Lakshmi Venkatachalam)

Director-General of Shipping &

Ex-officio Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India