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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

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Office Order No. 49 of 2025

Subject: Regarding constitution of a technical committee for drafting of Registration Rules under the Merchant Shipping Bill, 2024.

I am directed to invite reference to the Merchant Shipping Bill, 2024, which was tabled before the Parliament of India on 10th December 2024, that aims to modernize India's maritime legal framework by repealing the Merchant Shipping Act, 1960, and introducing several critical reforms and provisions for the registration of vessels under Part III of the said bill.

2. In view of the aforementioned and the provisions proposed under the Merchant Shipping Bill, 2024, it is submitted that a committee be constituted to draft the requisite registration rules and to engage relevant stakeholders falling within the scope of the said Bill.

3. Pursuant to the tabled legislation, the following areas have been identified for revision:

- Registration of Indian chartered vessels,
- Streamlining necessary procedures for vessel registration,
- Provisions with respect to certificate of registration,
- Provisions for mortgage and sale of vessel, and
- Temporary Registration for Recycling.

4. In this context, kind attention is drawn to the need for convening a committee specifically tasked with the revision and drafting of registration rules in alignment with the proposed provisions of the Merchant Shipping Bill, 2024. The committee's primary objective will be to address and overcome potential bureaucratic and procedural challenges, particularly those related to the incorporation of existing circulars and guidelines essential for formulating the new rules. Accordingly, the committee will therefor work on a revised and consolidated version of the rules in sync with the proposed MS Bill, which are provided below:

- [Merchant Shipping \(Registration of Indian Ships\) Rules, 1960](#)
- [Merchant Shipping \(Registration of Indian Ships\) Rules, 1994](#)
- [Merchant Shipping \(Registration of Indian Ships\) Rules, 1997](#)

- iv. [MOS Circular No. SD-11018/1/97-MD dated 15th June, 2001 - Guidelines for import of all types of ships](#)
- v. [MOS Circular No. SD-11018/1/97-MD dated 5th March, 2002 - - Guidelines for import of all types of ships](#)
- vi. [Guidelines on Registration of Indian Ship in accordance with Para 1.2 of Office Memorandum No. SD-11018/1/97-MD dated 5th march, 2002](#)
- vii. [DG Shipping Order No. 2 of 2002 Revised guidelines for registration of ships etc.](#)
- viii. [SD Branch Letter No. SD-13/POL\(5\)/2001 dated 28.6.2002 - Guidelines for registration of ships etc.](#)
- ix. [MMD Letter dated 4.6.02 - Guidelines for registration of ships etc.](#)

5. The composition of the committee as decided by the competent authority is as follows:

Chaired by	Capt. S. I. Abul Kalam Azad , Nautical Adviser to the Govt of India (I/c), DG Shipping
Convener	Capt. Anish Joseph , Deputy Nautical Advisor-cum-Sr. DDG (Tech.), DG Shipping
Member secretary	Shri B. Mohapatra , Sr. Radio Surveyor, DG Shipping
Members/Stakeholders	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DDG (MSL) & Other officers from DGS and MMD 2. INSA- Indian National Ship Owner's Association (2 representatives) 3. ICCSA- Indian Coastal Conference of Shipowners' Associations (2 representatives) 4. IMEI- Institute of Marine Engineers of India (2 representatives) 5. CMMI- Company of Master Mariners of India (2 representatives) 6. MASSA- Maritime Association of Shipowners, Ship managers and Agents (2 representatives) 7. FOSMA- Foreign Ship-owners Representatives and Ship Managers Association (2 representatives) 8. Bose & Mitra & Co. (1 representative)

	<p>9. Brus Chambers, Advocates & Solicitors (1 representative)</p> <p>10. Adv. Vivek Joy, Senior Partner, Corpus Droit - Lawyers & Consultants</p> <p>11. PLR Law chambers, Advocates and Solicitors (1 representative)</p>
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6. Accordingly, aforementioned stakeholders are kindly requested to nominate representatives from their respective organizations for this committee. The committee will be convened after the receipt of nominations from the stakeholders within **one (01) month** of issuance of this order. The committee is advised to draft the registration rules in line with the proposed Bill, ensuring stakeholder consultations, legal consistency, and timely implementation within a stipulated period of **six (06) months** from this order.

7. This order has been issued by the approval of the Competent Authority.

Capt. Anish Joseph
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Senior Deputy Director General (Tech.)
Directorate General of Shipping