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	Subject-Assessment of Sea service performed onNon-trading vessel/s in Foreign Waters	N. T. Branch circular No. 02 of 2009
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- This Directorate has been receiving queries from various assessment centers (MMDs) with regard assessment of sea time, if such sea service has been performed on non-trading ships of special purpose such as, cable laying vessels, dredgers, anchor handling tugs and similar other vessels (inter-alia, special purpose code vessels, offshore supply vessels, diving support vessels, etc.,) plying beyond Indian coastal waters and where competency tables A-II/1 or A-II/2 of STCW 78/95 code for all the functions are not completely covered.
- Decision has been taken in this regard that assessment of sea service for the purpose ofattending post sea education course and examination for Mate & Master of a foreign going vessel shall be considered as follows:
 - a) Maximum of six month's sea service as in Para 1 above at full rate for actual sea service performed on such non-trading vessel may be assessed.
 - b) Subsequent service on such non-trading vessels beyond six months as in sub-Para a) above will be counted at rate of 2/3rd of actual sea service performed therein.
- 3. The candidate serving on such non-trading vessels shall be required to undergo a minimum of 6 months sea service on a dedicated foreign going trading ship, in order to be eligible to appear in an examination leading to issuance of a higher Certificate of Competency of a foreign going ship at management level without any limitation.
- 4. Aforesaid methodology (reference Para 1, 2 & 3 above) is not applicable to education and certification process leading to issuance of operational level certificate of competency (i.e. Incharge of a navigational watch or 2nd Mate CoC) in foreign going stream.
- A candidate desirous of continuing service on a non-trading vessel may apply for assessment of sea service and same will be counted in full for the purpose of assessment of sea going service, however, the CoC so issued shall carry limitation/s with regard to type of vessel and/or area of operation.
- 6. To remove / modify limitations imposed on a CoC, the candidate (as stated in Para 5. above) will be required to perform a minimum of 6 months of service on a dedicated foreign going trading vessel, then put up his service record for assessment centre and pass the oral examination (normally, scope of such oral examination shall be restricted to areas of competencies so far not covered in earlier oral examination). Such applications will normally be entertained by assessment centers towards 5 yearly revalidations process.
- 7. This issues with the approval of the Chief Examiner of Master and Mates.

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