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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

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ORDER

Constitution of Technical Committees for Drafting of the Rules under the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025.

I. Background:

- 1.1. The Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 has been passed by the Parliament and received the assent of President on 18.08.2025.
- 1.2. Rules framework is necessary for smooth implementation of the Act
- 1.3. The following Technical Committees with Nodal officers from DGS and Industry stakeholders are hereby constituted for drafting of the Rules under the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025.

2. Composition of Committees:

Sr. No.	Parts of MS Act, 25	Title of the Part of MS Act, 25	Nodal officer (s) of DGS	Representatives Stakeholders
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Part -II	Establishment of Boards and General Administration	Capt. Nitin Mukesh, Dy NA & Secy NSB Capt. PC Meena, DDG -Crew Shri Deepednra Singh Bisen, DDG-PB	Shri Anil Devli, INSA Capt. Kapil Kekre, INSA Shri Asit Kumar Pharika, INSA Capt. Rakesh Singh, Member ICCSA Capt. Shiv Halbe, Member MASSA Capt. Rajesh Tandon, Member FOSMA Shri Kunal Gaikwad, Member, NUSI Capt. Savio, Member MUI Capt. Pankaj Kapoor, Expert Shri Vivek Joy, Legal Consultant, DGS

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2	Part -III	Registration of Vessels	<u>NT:</u> Capt. Anish Joseph, Dy. NA Shri Sajendra Oraon, Dy. CS, MMD, Kolkata <u>Naval Arch</u> Shri Nebu Oommen, Dy CSS <u>Engg:</u> Shri S.K. Shrivastava, E&SS, MMD Goa.	Ms Sushma Panwar- INSA Shri Siddhesh Chaubal- INSA Shri Anant Punde, INSA Capt. Kapil Kekre, INSA Shri Asit Kumar Pharika, INSA Capt. Rakesh Singh, ICCSA Shri Aditya Sukalika, ICCSA Captain (Dr) Shashank Jahagirdar, MASSA Capt. Santhakumar Mohana Pai, CMMI Shri Rajeev Nayyar, IMEI Shri Loknath Tripathi, IMEI Shri Amitava Majumdar, Maritime Law Expert. Capt. Rahul Verma Representative of IFSCA.
3	Part -IV	Maritime Education and Training	<u>Engg:</u> Shri Praveen Nair, Dy CS <u>NT:</u> Capt. Ravi Singh Sikarwar, NS <u>Trg:</u> Shri Deependra Singh Bisen, DDG	Shri Sunil Kumar, INSA Shri Parag Bapat, INSA Capt. Kapil Kekre, INSA Shri Asit Kumar Pharika, INSA Shri Loknath Tripathy, IMEI, Shri Mohan Singh Pal, IMEI, Capt. Mahesh Yadav, FOSMA, Capt. Shiv Halbe, MASSA, Capt. Vinayak Mohla,
4	Part -V	Seafarers	<u>Crew:</u> Capt. PC Meena, DDG-Crew <u>NT:</u> Capt. Nitin Mukesh, Dy NA	Shri Kunal Gaikwad, NUSI Capt. Savio, MUI- Member Capt. Mahesh Yadav, FOSMA Shri Ajay Kumar Krishnamani, Capt. Kapil Kekre, INSA Shri Sujit Churi, INSA Capt. Aman Gulati, INSA Shri Parag Bapat, INSA Shri Asit Kumar Pharika, INSA


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			<u>Engg:</u> Shri Shirish Kumar, Dy CS	Capt. Rakesh Singh, ICCSA Shri Aditya Sukalika, ICCSA Capt. Shiv Halbe MASSA – Member Capt. Rajesh Tandon, FOSMA - Member Capt. Pankaj Kapoor, Expert Member Dr. Sharwari Govind Bagde, Dr. Jacob Mathew, Dr. Vijay Belani, Dr. Chouhan Dharmendra Singh, Dr. Dushyant Barfiwaala, Dr. Kiran Dattatraya Pandit, Dr Yogesh Kantharia, Dr. Diwakar Tiwari, Capt. N. S. Mainkar, Shri Vivek Joy, Legal Consultant, DGS
5	Part -VI	Safety and Security	<u>NT:</u> Capt. A.K Azad, N.A (i/c) Capt. Anish Jospeh, Dy. NA Capt. Mohit Behl, Dy. NA Capt. Vikram Singh Manhas, Dy. NA Capt. Nitin Mukesh, Dy. NA Shri Balunkeshor Mohapatra , (Senior Radio Surveyor)	Capt. Arvind Mishra, Gujarat Maritime Board Capt. Pramod Kini, Mumbai Port Authority, Shri S. N Pattanaik, SCI Capt. Matthew George, LDCL Capt. Pankaj Jain, Ex – JSW Jaigad Shri Ajay Sinha, IRS Shri Amit Bhatnagar, Shri T Vinod, INSA Capt J Verma, INSA Capt. Karthik Nanda, INSA Shri Uday Jadon, INSA Shri Loknath Tripathi, INSA Capt. Kapil Kekre, INSA Shri Asit Kumar Pharika, INSA Capt. Rakesh Singh, ICCSA Shri Aditya Sukalika, ICCSA Capt. A K Verma, Seamec Shri K T Thomas, Seamec Shri Neville, Amba Shipping

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			<p><u>Engg:</u> Shri Satish Kamath, Dy CS</p> <p>Naval Arch: Shri Ankur Anal, JSS</p>	<p>Shri Atul Jadhav, Barge Owners Association Shri Rajen P Shah, Sailing enthusiast & pleasure craft owner Shri Attreya Sawant, Vice President - SAI Shri Pankaj Kumar, A Ships Capt. Dixit, ASP Ship Management Capt. Ravindra Sagar, Ex- Dy.NA - IMA</p> <p>Capt. SM Halbe, MASSA Capt. Srikanth Tirukkovalluri, (MASSA) Shri Kanwaljit Sharma (MASSA)</p> <p>Capt. Avadhut Naik (GESCO) Capt Rahul Naik (GREATSHIP)</p> <p>Shri Avinash Vaze IR Class Shri P Daniel (ARI)</p> <p>Shri Farroakhi Manek Bengali, (Procomm Inc) Shri HS Chauhan, (Elcome Integrated Systems Pvt.Ltd) Shri Rajendra Singh Chauhan, (Ashapura Marinetech International) Shri Aniket Vijay Gaikwad, (Ashapura Marinetech International) Shri Khusru B. Sanjana, (Partner – Elektronik Lab)</p> <p>Shri Arvind Kumar, Shri Harja Ramavath,</p> <p>Shri Carlton Aflredy, Shri T V S Jagdeep, Capt Chandraket Rai, Capt. Anish Jaggi</p>
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6	Part - VII	Prevention, Containment of Pollution From Vessels and Response	<p>Engg:</p> <p>Shri Senthil Kumar, PO, MMD, Kochi</p> <p>NT:</p> <p>Capt. Vikram Singh Manhas, Dy. NA</p> <p>Two officers from DGS/MMD (One for Engineering Wing and one for Nautical Wing (to be decided by Shri Senthil Kumar in consultation with CS/NA)</p> <p>Two officers from DGS (Engineering Wing and Nautical Wing) (to be decided by Shri Senthil Kumar in consultation with CS/NA)</p>	<p>Shri Mangesh Sathe, IRS Class</p> <p>Shri Uday Chaitanya Ganivada, DNV</p> <p>Shri D. Sundar Ram, Class NK</p> <p>Shri Shadab Khan, INSA</p> <p>Capt. Kapil Kekre, INSA</p> <p>Shri Asit Kumar Pharika, INSA</p> <p>Shri Somesh Ugra, INSA</p> <p>Shri Uday Jadon, INSA</p> <p>Shri Satyakumar Gaur, INSA</p> <p>Capt. Rakesh Singh, ICCSA</p> <p>Shri Vendant Chaudhary, ICCSA</p> <p>Nominee of Indian Coast Guard</p>
7	Part - VIII	Survey, Audit and Certification	<p>Engg:</p> <p>Shri K.M. Rao, PO, Chennai</p> <p>Shri Sajendra Oraon, Dy. CS, MMD, Kolkata,</p> <p>Shri Shirish Kumar, Dy. CS, MMD, Mumbai</p>	<p>Representative of State Maritime Board</p> <p>Capt. Pramod Kini, Mumbai Port Authority</p> <p>Capt. Pankaj, SCI</p> <p>Capt. Sanjay Kumar, SCI or</p> <p>Capt. Manoj Chorasias, SCI</p> <p>Capt. Matthew George, LDCL</p> <p>Shri Sunil Kumar, INSA,</p> <p>Shri Mudit Mehrotra, INSA</p> <p>Shri Chitrabhanu Sadangi, INSA,</p>

			<p>Shri U. Rehman, E & SS, MMD, Kochi,</p> <p>Shri Gopinandan Papineni, E & SS, MMD, Kandla,</p> <p><u>NT:</u> Capt. Mohit Behl, Dy. NA</p> <p><u>Naval Arch:</u> Shri Ravi Moka, SS</p> <p>Shri Nishant Bhaskara, SS, MMD, Mumbai</p>	<p>Shri Loknath Tripathy, INSA Shri Prahlad Parvatikar, INSA, Capt. Kapil Kekre, INSA Shri Asit Kumar Pharika, INSA</p> <p>Capt. Rakesh Singh ICCSA, Shri Swanand Patankar. ICCSA</p> <p>Capt Mangesh Sambhus, SISCL, Capt. Pankaj Jain, Ex – JSW Jaigad</p> <p>Shri C P K Kashyap, Sanmar Shipping Ltd. Shri Ganesh Karthik Subramanian, Sanmar Shipping Ltd. Capt A K Verma, Seamec, Shri K T Thomas, Seamec, Shri Neville, Amba Shipping, Shri Atul Jadha v, Barge Owners Association, Shri Rajen P Shah, Sailing enthusiast & pleasure craft owner, Shri Attreya Sawant, SAI Shri Rajeev Nayyar, IMEI Capt. Ramjit S Krishnan, CMMI Shri J. Das Gupta, Institute of Naval Architects</p> <p>Shri Ranjitsinh Patil, IRS Shri Virendra Babu, IRS,</p> <p>Shri J. Mukhopadhyay, E & SS (Retd.) Shri V.V. Paul, E & SS (Retd.) Capt. Rahul Verma</p>
8	Part -IX	Maritime Liability and Compensation	<p><u>NT:</u> Capt. Harinder Singh, NS</p>	<p>Shri Wilfred CP, INSA Shri Mandar Shete, INSA Shri Kartik Nanda, INSA Shri Siddhesh Chaubal, INSA</p>

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			<u>Naval Arch:</u> Shri Shitesh Ranjan, SS	Capt. Kapil Kekre, INSA Shri Asit Kumar Pharika, INSA Capt. Rakesh Singh, ICCSA Shri Aditya Sukalika, ICCSA Capt. Ajay Prasad, Brand Marine Consultants Rep of FOSMA Rep of MASSA Shri Ketan Gajjar, MERC Capt. Anuja Sahai, T&T Salvage Shri Nishant Chowdhary, Resolve Marine Ms Kajal Purohit, Marine Masters, Shri Amitava Majumdar, Maritime Law Exprt, Capt. Pankaj Kapoor, Expert Capt Rahul verma
9	Part -X	Marine incident and Emergency Response	<u>NT:</u> Capt. Harinder Singh, NS (He can add member in consultation with Nautical Advisor)	Shri Wilfred CP, INSA Shri Mandar Shete, INSA Shri Kartik Nanda, INSA Shri Uday Jadon, INSA Capt. Kapil Kekre, INSA Shri Asit Kumar Pharika, INSA Capt. Rakesh Singh, ICCSA Shri Aditya Sukalika, ICCSA Capt Ajay Prasad, Brand Marine Consultants Rep of FOSMA Rep of MASSA Shri Ketan Gajjar, MERC Capt. Anuja Sahai, T&T Salvage Shri Nishant Chowdhary, Resolve Marine Ms Kajal Purohit, Marine Masters, Shri Amitava Majumdar, Maritime Law Expert,

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				Capt. Pankaj Kapoor, Expert
10	Part -XII	Wreck and Salvage	<u>NT:</u> Capt. Harinder Singh, NS (He can add member in consultation with Nautical Advisor)	Shri Wilfred CP, INSA Shri Mandar Shete, INSA Shri Kartik Nanda, INSA Shri Siddhesh Chaubal, INSA Capt. Kapil Kekre, INSA Shri Asit Kumar Pharika, INSA Capt. Rakesh Singh, ICCSA Shri Aditya Sukalika, ICCSA Capt. Ajay Prasad – Brand Marine Consultants Representative FOSMA Representative MASSA Shri Ketan Gajjar, MERC Shri Nishant Chowdhary , Resolve Marine Ms Kajal Purohit, Marine Masters Shri Amitava Majumdar, Maritime Law Expert, Capt. Pankaj Kapoor, Expert.
11	Part - XIII	Sailing, Fishing and Other Vessels	<u>NT:</u> Capt. Anish Joseph, Dy. NA <u>Naval Arch:</u> Shri Ravi Moka, SS & DDG-Coastal (He can add member in consultation with CS/NA)	Shri A. A. Mepani, Federation of All India Sailing Vessels Industry Association (FSVA). Shri H.B. Desai, FSVA Shri A.H.Bhaya,FSVA Representative of Department of Fisheries, Gol. Capt. Kapil Kekre, INSA Shri Asit Kumar Pharika, INSA

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12	Part - XV	Miscellaneous (Including Penalties and procedure)	<u>NT:</u> Capt. Nitin Mukesh Dy.NA Shri Ash Mohomad, DDG-MSL Shri Deependra Singh Bisen, DDG <u>Naval Arch:</u> Shri Ankur Anal, SS.	Shri Neel Kumar, INSA Shri Prahlad Parvatikar, INSA Capt. Kapil Kekre, INSA Shri Asit Kumar Pharika, INSA Shri Amit Bhatnagar, IR Class
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Note:

1. Nodal Officer may co-opt any other expert/stakeholder under intimation to DDG-MSL, provided that such stakeholder shall then continue as part of the Committee till the finalisation of the relevant rules
2. Resource/Intern, if any, in the Directorate (other than those from PLR Team & NALSAR, whose roles are already specified in subsequent parts of this order) may also be utilised by the nodal officers for providing assistance in matter.

3. Terms of Reference:

The Terms of Reference for the twelve Technical Committees are as follows:

- 3.1. The formats (12 formats for 12 parts of the MS Act, 2025) in which nodal officers and stakeholders who are members of the committees (specified in Paragraph 2 above) are required to submit each of their written inputs on the substantive content of the proposed rules are attached as **Annexure-II** to this order. All members of each Committee are required to submit their written inputs only in the specified format provided in **Annexure-II** and nodal officers are required to ensure that the first rounds of written inputs of all members of the committee are obtained as per the timelines specified in **Annexure-I** of this Order (S.No. 5 in Table B of **Annexure-I**)
- 3.2 The meetings of the committees shall commence and function in a phased sequence to optimise workflow with Phase I Committees beginning deliberations while written inputs are being secured for phases II and III.
- 3.3. During the course of the meetings, each committee shall be responsible for determining the substantive content of the draft rules and notifications or other forms of delegated

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legislation to be prescribed or notified as may be considered necessary for the implementation of the provisions under the respective Part of the MS Act, 2025 assigned to the Committee.

This shall include providing technical inputs required for drafting of rules under the respective Part of the MS Act, 2025 assigned to the committees, reviewing and deliberating upon all written and oral inputs received from stakeholders, reviewing existing sources based on which rules may be formulated including existing rules, circulars, conventions etc.

Specifically, the committees shall also review existing circulars issued by the DGS to assess their relevance and wherever deemed appropriate, the contents of such circulars may be incorporated into the proposed draft rules.

3.4. The concerned Nodal Officer of DGS shall determine the sequence in which subject-matters for which rules are to be drafted as specified in each assigned Part of the MS Act, 2025 are to be taken up for deliberation, based on criteria such as policy priority, mandatory statutory requirements, and the extent of stakeholder inputs received or anticipated etc.

3.5. The concerned Nodal Officer of DGS shall facilitate consensus-building during meetings, steer discussions effectively, and take policy or final decisions on matters where divergent views are expressed by members, after consulting Head of Wings of DGS wherever necessary.

3.6. The concerned Nodal Officer of DGS shall provide policy guidance on specific subject matters as required and confirm the final draft of rules prepared pursuant to required deliberations with Head of Wings of the DGS.

3.7. The committees shall, where relevant, consider insights and recurring legal issues arising from pending and adjudicated litigation matters across various branches of DGS.

3.8. The team from M/s PLR Chambers will provide legal assistance to all the technical committees. This would be in nature of legal research, contextualising the provisions of the MS Act, 2025 and subject-matter of rules; after the substantive content of rules (technical, policy, administrative, legal) is determined and finalised by the committees and to ensure that rule framework is in alignment with the objective and mandate of the MS Act, 2025 ensuring effective implementation and to provide assistance in drafting of rules.

3.9. Once on boarded, legal resources from NALSAR under the guidance of the concerned Nodal Officer will support the collation and dissemination of technical inputs received from committee members as part of the rule-making process and offer support as required by the Nodal Officer /technical committees.

3.10. Nodal Officer will submit a Plan by 29.09.2025 containing the following based on the specified target date:

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- (a) order of priority issues/subject matters in rules for deliberation by Committees
- (b) estimated total number of meetings that will be required to make the draft rules ready.
- (c) frequency of meetings which would be advisable for the specific committee.

4. Meetings of the Committee:

4.1. The meeting of committees shall be conducted in a phased manner. The phase-wise allocation of Parts of the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 along with timelines, is provided in **Annexure-I**. The date for each Committee meeting shall be decided by at the discretion of the Nodal Officer along with the DDG- MSL Branch and the PLR Team.

4.2. All Committees shall adhere to the timelines given in the Part B of table at **Annexure-I**.

This Issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping, Govt. of India.


(Ash Monomad)

Deputy Director General of Shipping (MSL)

Encl: As above.

To

1. All DGS/MMD officers mentioned above.
2. All stakeholders/Experts mentioned above, through Nodal officers.

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ANNEXURE-I

Phase-wise allocation and Time-lines for Drafting of Rules under Merchant Shipping Act, 2025

A. Phase-wise distribution of Parts under MS Act, 2025, for rule making:

Phase of rule-making	No of Parts of the new MS Act being targeted	Relevant Parts of the MS Act	Rationale for assigning a specific part to a particular phase
Phase - I	3 Parts of MS Act, 2025	1. Part XII-Wreck and Salvage 2. Part X-Marine Incident And Emergency Response 3. Part III-Registration of vessels	Current high priority subject matters requiring application-based inputs
Phase- II	4 Parts of MS Act, 2025	1. Part V-Seafarers 2. Part IV Maritime Training and Education 3. Part VII-Prevention And Containment of Pollution From Vessel And Response 4. Part VI- Safety and Security	Important with complex/broad subject/Convention matters of rules requiring significant inputs
Phase- III	5 Parts of MS Act, 2025	1. Part II-Establishment of Boards and General Administration 2. Part VIII – Survey, Audit & Certification 3. Part XV-Miscellaneous 4. Part IX-Maritime Liability and Compensation 5. Part XIII- Sailing, Fishing and Other Vessels	Comparatively lesser number of conventions involved.

B. Timelines:

S.No.	Action Point(s)	Timeline for Action For Phase I Committees	Timeline for Action For Phase II Committees	Timeline for Action For Phase III Committees
1.	Orientation meeting for Nodal Officers	11.09.25 Completed	11.09.25 Completed	11.09.25 Completed
2.	Names of stakeholders/subject experts from Nodal officers to Single Point of Contact (DDG-MSL)	19.09.2025	19.09.2025	19.09.25
3.	Issuance of order of committee with names of stakeholders by the Directorate.	24.09.25	24.09.25	24.09.25
4.	Circulation of the format to receive first round of technical inputs from all committee members	Will be shared along with the committee constitution orders (latest by 24.09.2025)		
5.	Last date receipt of first round of written technical inputs from all members of the committee	03.10.2025	20.10.2025	1.12.2025
6.	Commencement date for meetings of each phase	6.10.2025	10.11.2025	5.1.2026
7.	Submission of first draft of the rules for placing on website for 30 days (Pre-legislative consultations)	10.11.2025 (D)	5.1.2026 (D)	15.2.2026 (D)



S.No.	Action Point(s)	Timeline for Action For Phase I Committees	Timeline for Action For Phase II Committees	Timeline for Action For Phase III Committees
8.	Review of stakeholder inputs by the Committee and edits to the draft rules where required	D+60 10.01.25	D+60 05.03.26	D+60 15.04.26
9.	Submission to MoPSW	D+60 10.01.25	D+60 05.03.26	D+60 15.04.26
10.	Receipt of inputs from MoPSW (Inter-ministerial consultations may be needed for some rules)	D1 30.01.26	D1 25.03.26	D1 05.05.26
11.	Review of MoPSW's inputs by the Committee and edits to the draft rules where required	D1+15 12.02.26	D1+15 10.04.26	D1+15 20.05.26
12.	Submission of final drafts to MoPSW for sending to Legislative Department.	D2 18.02.26	D2 18.4.26	D2 28.05.26

