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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

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Dated: 01.10.2025

Order

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

I. Background:

1.1. The Coastal Shipping Act, 2025 has been passed by the Parliament and received the assent of President on 09.08.2025.

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 Coastal Shipping Act, 2025.

2. Composition of Committees:

Subject Matter of the Committee	Nodal Officer of DGS	Representatives Stakeholders
(1)	(2)	(3)
Licensing & Procedure for penalties	Shipping Development: Shri Nebu Oommen, Dy CSS & DDG-SD	Shri Vikas Narwal, IAS, (IPA) or his nominee.
	Coastal: Shri Ravi Moka, SS & DDG- Coastal	Shri Sunil Kumar Singh, IWAI
	MSL: Shri Ash Mohomad, DDG-MSL	Capt. Pankaj, SCI
		Capt. Sunil Chand Panigrahy, IMU
		Shri Ashutosh Agnihotri, FCI
		Shri Arvindar Singh Sahney, IOCL
		Shri ANISH K.J, HPCL
		Shri Shubham Agrawal, BPCL

Subject Matter of the Committee (1)	Nodal Officer of DGS (2)	Representatives Stakeholders (3)
Strategy & National Database	Shipping Development: Shri Nebu Oommen, Dy CSS & DDG-SD	Shri Vikas Narwal, IAS, (IPA) Shri Vikas Narwal, Sagarmal Finance Corporation Ltd.
	Coastal: Shri Ravi Moka, SS & DDG- Coastal	Shri N. Muruganandam, DGLL Rep of Customs/ICEGATE,
	MSL: Shri Ash Mohomad, DDG-MSL	Shri Sunil Kumar Singh, IWAI Capt. Pankaj, SCI Capt. Sanjay Kumar, SCI Capt. Manoj Chorasias (SCI) Capt. Sunil Chand Panigrahy, IMU Shri Masato Kanda, ADB Shri Ashutosh Agnihotri, FCI Shri Arvind Singh Sahney, IOCL Shri ANISH K.J, HPCL Shri Shubham Agrawal, BPCL Shri Debabrata Dutta, SAIL Shri Amarendu Prakash, SAIL Shri Hardeep Singh, MMTC Shri P.M. Prasad, Coal India Limited Shri Sandeep Kumar Gupta, GAIL Shri Ankit Agarwal, GAIL Shri Anil Devli, INSA Shri Sushma Panwar, INSA

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		<p>Shri Debabrata Dutta, SAIL</p> <p>Shri Hardeep Singh, MMTC</p> <p>Shri P.M. Prasad, Coal India Limited</p> <p>Shri Sandeep Kumar Gupta, GAIL</p> <p>Shri Anil Devli, INSA Shri Sushma Panwar, INSA Shri Siddhesh Chaubal, INSA Capt. Kapil Kekre, INSA Rep of Apeejay Shipping Limited (INSA)</p> <p>Capt. Rakesh Singh, ICSSA Shri Aditya Sukalika, ICSSA</p> <p>Ms Rachan Sood Aiyanna, RIL</p> <p>Shri Ashutosh Mathur, Arcelormittal Nippon Steel India Private Limited</p> <p>Shri Rajeev Nayyar, IMEI</p> <p>Capt. Viaks Vij, CMMI</p> <p>Shri J. Das. Gupta or his nominee (Institute of Naval Architects)</p> <p>Shri HV Ramesh, IRS Class</p> <p>Ms. Neha Loke, AMTOI</p> <p>Shri Ashutosh Sharma, CGM, IFSCA Shri Albab Alam, Assistant Manager, IFSCA</p>
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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 two Technical Committees are as follows:

3.1. The formats 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.

3.2 The meetings of the committees shall commence and function in a phased sequence to optimise workflow.

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

This shall include providing technical inputs required for drafting of rules under the respective provisions of the Coastal Shipping 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, 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 assigned subject matters of the Coastal Shipping 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 Act 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 Coastal Shipping 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 29.09.205 containing the following based on the specified target date:

- (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 rule(s) ready.
- (c) frequency of meetings which would be advisable for the specific committee.

4. Meetings of the Committee:

4.1. The meetings of committees shall be conducted in a phased manner. The timelines, are provided in **Annexure-I**. The date for each Committee meeting shall be decided at the discretion of the Nodal Officer along with the DDG- MSL and the PLR Team.

4.2. All Committees shall adhere to the timelines given in the **Annexure-I**.

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


(Ash Mohomad)

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.

Annexure-I

Time-lines for the Drafting of Rules under Coastal Shipping Act, 2025

Action Point(s)	Timeline for Committee 1 (Licensing & Procedure for penalties rules)	Timeline for Committee 2 (Strategy & National Database rules)
Orientation meeting for Nodal Officers	16.09.25 Completed	16.09.25 Completed
Names of stakeholders/subject experts from Nodal officers to Single Point of Contact (DDG-MSL)	25.09.25	25.09.2025
Issuance of order of committee with names of stakeholders by the Directorate.	01.10.25	01.10.25
Circulation of the format to receive first round of technical inputs from all committee members	Will be shared by 01.10.25	
Last date for receipt of first round of written technical inputs from all members of the committee	10.10.2025	24.10.2025
Commencement of the meetings of the Committees	17.10.2025	31.10.2025
Submission of First Draft of the rules for placing on website for 30 days (Pre-Legislative Consultations).	20.11.2025 (D)	25.11.2025 (D)



Action Point(s)	Timeline for Committee 1 (Licensing & Procedure for penalties rules)	Timeline for Committee 2 (Strategy & National Database rules)
Review of stakeholder inputs by the Committee and edits to the draft rules where required	D+45 05.01.26	D+45 10.01.26
Submission to MoPSW	D+45 05.01.26	D+45 10.01.26
Receipt of inputs from MoPSW (Inter-ministerial consultations may be needed for some rules)	D1 25.01.26	D1 30.01.26
Review of MoPSW's inputs by the Committee and edits to the draft rules where required	D1+15 10.02.26	D1+15 15.02.26
Submission of final drafts to LD, discussions with LD and finalisation of the text along with MoPSW officials	D2 15.02.26	D2 20.02.26

