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Circular No. XX of 2025

Subject: Blacklisting of Vessels Involved in Seafarer Abandonment / Jailed / Arrested Cases – reg.

Background - The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) has been receiving repeated complaints and reports of abandonment, detention, or arrest of Indian seafarers on certain vessels. A majority of these vessels are operating without minimum mandatory documents, including valid P&I insurance cover, and in many cases, no response is received from the respective Flag States or Port States when approached. The situation is further aggravated by poor compliance from certain RPSL companies, with some vessels operating without proper Form-1 documentation for seafarers. Consequently, Indian seafarers and their families become the ultimate sufferers in abandonment cases—facing prolonged hardship, denial of wages, uncertainty of repatriation, and immense psychological distress. Such incidents not only cause severe hardship to seafarers and their families but also undermine India's obligations under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC), particularly in ensuring decent working conditions, repatriation, and wage protection.

2. Investigations and reviews of the abandonment cases carried out by the Director, Seamen's Employment Offices (DSEO), and Crew Branch of the DGS have revealed that a number of vessels are recurrently involved in abandonment cases, where Indian seafarers have suffered due to:
 - i. Non-payment of wages,
 - ii. Lack of repatriation support, and
 - iii. Inhuman and unsafe working conditions
 - iv. Detention by port authorities / by local agents / cheating & fraud cases.
 - v. Lack of genuine ship owners / non availability of ship owners.
 - vi. Lack of Insurance coverage / providers.

vii. Lack of proper statutory documentation

3. A total of eighty-six (86) vessels has been identified up to the year 2025, based on the gravity, recurrence, and enforcement challenges. Show Cause Notices have also been issued to several RPSL companies linked to such vessels.
4. Considering the seriousness of the matter, and in exercise of powers under Section 456 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, Regulations 2.5, 2.6 and 4.1 of the MLC, 2006, and the Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers Rules, 2016, this Directorate hereby issues the following directive.
 - a. The vessels listed in *Annexure – I* are **hereby blacklisted with immediate effect**.
 - b. No RPSL company shall recruit, engage, or deploy Indian seafarers on board the blacklisted vessels henceforth.
 - c. Where Indian seafarers are presently serving on board such vessels, the concerned RPSL shall ensure:
 - i. Prompt sign-off at the earliest possible port of call, and
 - ii. Safe repatriation to India with settlement of wages, health, and welfare entitlements.
 - d. All RPSL companies which have deployed Indian seafarers on these vessels (past or present) shall submit a detailed report to this Directorate within fourteen (14) working days of issuance of this Circular, including:
 - i. Names, INDOS and CDC Numbers of seafarers deployed,
 - ii. Period(s) of employment,
 - iii. Repatriation status, and
 - iv. Wages paid / outstanding with documentary evidence.
 - e. Failure to comply with these directives shall attract strict penal action, including but not limited to:
 - i. Suspension / Cancellation of RPSL licence as per MS Notice 11 of 2024 / RPSL Rules, 2016.
 - ii. Blacklisting of the agency, and
 - iii. Legal proceedings under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 and relevant MLC provisions.

5. This Circular is issued in the interest of protection of the rights, dignity and welfare of Indian seafarers, and to ensure India's strict adherence to its international commitments under the MLC, 2006. All stakeholders are directed to comply without exception.

This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping.

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Deputy Director General of Shipping, Crew Branch

To:

1. All RPSL Companies
2. All Indian Shipping Companies
3. All stakeholders (through DGS Website)

Copy to:

1. Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, New Delhi
2. Seamen's Employment Offices: Mumbai / Chennai / Kolkata
3. All Mercantile Marine Departments
4. Guard File

Annexure- 1

List of vessels blacklisted for employment of Indian Seafarers

SR NO	IMO NO.	VESSEL NAME
1	7205910	KEVALAY QUEEN
2	9124885	SV CLOVER
3	9146091	Lord 17
4	9417490	Arabian Energy
5	9119933	RT 10
6	9190274	OXIN
7	9615494	HIMS 11
8	9118795	PHOSPHERUS NH
9	8914087	CAPTAIN ADAM 1
10	9845336	HADI 49
11	9644897	STAR APOLLO
12	9043146	SEDRA
13	9010010	SISTER 12
14	9467885	AYAT
15	9760964	HADI 54
16	9170913	NEREUS PROGRESS
17	9123855	ESTRELLA CHARLENE
18	8008498	CECILIA
19	9944388	BGMS SUPERB
20	9327126	MISTER YUNIS
21	9108489	MYGAN
22	9375082	BABEK MAHMUDHU
23	1072294	PETRO DOLPHIN
24	9041772	Maria
25	9589920	HADI 38
26	9174232	HAWKS JAVAHIRU
27	9104419	SUKHOR ALKHALEEJ
28	9153135	Tanya
29	6927092	LSS SUCCESS
30	8101599	EMMA
31	9422859	GLOBAL HAWK
32	1066219	AYODHYA
33	9071167	AMIR 2
34	9152571	ZEG GLORY
35	8360688	RD1

36	9199775	Al Filk
37	8223244	Hashim Legacy
38	8319976	GELIBOLU 2
39	8008498	Cecilia
40	9005869	Anatolian
41	9376189	Med Sea Fox
42	8975976	ALIM PASA
43	9103025	VSG GLORY
44	9255933	CIMARRON
45	9361926	Seashine 7
46	9177674	MISTRAL
47	9119725	Gas Parrot
48	9414503	YAMATO SPIRIT
49	8310164	GULF WAVE 4
50	9150365	OHAR
51	9297101	ASPHALT MARIS
52	9212759	OLYM
53	9234616	Pulmonis
54	8519942	Berk
55	9114048	Emano 11
56	8660947	BYB OTHELLO
57	8418667	ISTAKEL-2
58	9430844	ELEEN NEPTUNE
59	9240914	CHEM
60	9158161	NIRVANA
61	9750488	SHWE LIN YONE
62	9221267	GLOBAL BEAUTY
63	9365415	ANKA
64	9164172	MV STAR 96
65	7946875	MV ASSO-6
66	9062398	MT SERDAR
67	7729007	MT MARGOL
68	9118745	NADIYA
69	9540924	BERGE TORRE
70	9348194	VESSEL NAME NOT AVAILABLE
71	9228590	SANA
72	9540924	GLOBAL CHERLYN
73	9681388	RANIAH
74	9240914	MT CHEM

75	9857169	VESSEL NAME NOT MENTIONED
76	9191802	VESSEL NAME NOT MENTIONED
77	870641	M.V. BETELGEUSE
78	8879689	PEARL G
79	9588146	VESSEL NAME NOT MENTIONED
80	9329760	EAGLE S
81	9550216	TRANSFORMER OL
82	9408504	MV SHIP SEA STAR 2
83	9150365	MT JETTA
84	9410026	SINA 10
85	8731356	SAMANTA 1
86	7930498	STRATOS

Note - Any RPSL Company intending to engage on board any of the above vessels must obtain written permission from the DGS Crew Branch after submitting all valid statutory documents including valid and verifiable P & I insurance certificates in accordance with provisions of the MLC Convention.