

# MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

## NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

**G.S.R. - \_\_\_\_\_(E).** – In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 212, sub-section (4) of section 216, section 222 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 (24 of 2025) and in supersession of the Merchant Shipping (International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage) Rules, 2008, and any subsequent amendments, orders, or notices issued in relation thereto, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely:–

**1. Short title and commencement.**— (1) These rules may be called the Merchant Shipping (International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage) Rules, 2025.  
(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

**2. Definitions.**— (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires.

- (a) “Act” means the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 (24 of 2025);
- (b) “Competent Authority” means the Director-General of Maritime Administration appointed under sub-section (1) of section 7 of the Act for the purpose of implementing and enforcing the provisions of these rules.
- (c) “Form” means a Form annexed to these rules;
- (d) “tonnage” means the gross tonnage, which is calculated in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Tonnage Measurement of Ships) Rules, 2025.

(2) The words and expressions used in these rules but not defined, but defined in the Act shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act.

**3. Associated Person** – For the purposes of clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 212, associated person means and includes any subsidiary or commonly controlled entity, or such other person, who or which—

- (a) directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the contributor; or
- (b) receives contributing oil on behalf of, or for the account of, the contributor; or
- (c) has, directly or indirectly, a substantial interest in, or exercises management control, decision making authority, or significant influence over, the receipt, handling, storage, transport, or ownership of contributing oil;

and shall include, but not be limited to, the following, namely:

- (i) any subsidiary, holding company, or associate company of a person, as defined under the Companies Act, 2013, or any statutory modification or re enactment thereof;

- (ii) any entity that directly or indirectly controls such person, is directly or indirectly controlled by such person, or is under common control with such person;
- (iii) any partnership, joint venture, consortium, trust, or unincorporated association in which such person has, directly or indirectly, a substantial interest, management control, or decision making authority;
- (iv) any individual or entity acting on behalf of, or under the instructions, direction, or influence of, such person, including managers, operators, charterers, agents, or representatives, where such relationship has a bearing on the receipt, handling, storage, transport, or ownership of contributing oil;
- (v) any other person or entity which is determined by the Competent Authority to be an associated person for the purposes of contribution, liability, compliance, or enforcement under this rule.

**4. Obligation of persons receiving contributing oil.**— (1) Any person who is liable to contribute to the Fund under section 213 of the Act shall furnish a report of such receipts and such other information as may be required by the Director-General, in Form I along with a summary thereof.

(2) Such a report under sub-rule (1) shall be furnished within the time specified by the Director-General through a written notice issued for the purpose, and any delay or failure to furnish the report within such prescribed time shall render the person liable to payment of a fine of rupees twenty-five thousand for the initial default and, in the case of a continuing default, a further fine of rupees one thousand for each day during which such default continues thereafter, without prejudice to any other action that may be taken under the Act.

**5. Obligation of the Central Government to Report to Fund.**— The Director-General shall transmit to the Fund the list of names and addresses of the person receiving oil who is liable to contribute to that Fund and the quantity of contributing oil received by such person during the preceding calendar year in Form II.

**6. Furnishing of Information under sub-section (1) of section 217 of the Act.**— (1) Any person who receives a notice under sub-section (1) of section 217 of the Act, shall furnish the information required in such notice in the manner specified in Form II.

(2) The information referred to in sub-rule (1) shall be furnished within two weeks of the receipt of such notice, or within such further period as may be permitted by the Central Government in writing.

**7. Units of accounts.** - (1) The units of account referred to in Chapter V of Part IX of the Act, to which these rules apply, are the Special Drawing Rights as defined by the International Monetary Fund.

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (4) of section 216 of the Act, the units of account calculated under these Rules shall be converted into Indian Rupees according to

the official value in rupees of the Special Drawing Right as determined by the Reserve Bank of India on the date the Fund is constituted or a deposit is made or a guarantee is given under the provisions of the Act.

**8. Residual Powers.** – (1) The Competent Authority may issue detailed guidelines, standard operating procedures, and contingency protocols consistent with these Rules to ensure effective implementation of this Part.

(2) Where any doubt arises in the interpretation or implementation of these rules, the decision of the Competent Authority shall be final.

**9. Penalty.**— (1) Any person who contravenes any provision of these rules or notification made or issued thereunder or fails to comply with any provision thereof, shall be liable to a penalty in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 320.

(2) The penalty so levied shall be payable, to the Director-General.

[F. No. \_\_\_\_\_]

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**Form I**  
(See rule 3)

DECLARATION BY IMPORTER OR PERSONS RECEIVING OIL FOR THE YEAR...

Sl. No.	Name of Importer/ person, including associated person receiving oil.	Address of the importer/person, including any associated persons receiving the oil.	Quantity of contributing oil received in tons.		Remarks
			C.O.	F.O.	

Signature of the importer/person receiving oil

Authorised person name

Date:

[See rule 4]

YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Address Fax/Email of O.C.I/R	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	Remarks (in Metric Tonnes)
Oil Exporting Countries							
Total received from other countries							
Coastal Movement							
Grand Total							

Remarks:

Note:

O.C.I. – Oil Contributing Importers and O.C.R. Oil Contributing Receives in India

Seal or Stamp of Authority

Authorised Signatory of the Port

Date:

Name of the Official:

**FORM II - (B)**  
**REPORT TO THE IOPC FUNDS ON RECEIPTS OF CONTRIBUTING OIL**

STATE in which oil was received						
The YEAR in which oil was received						
FUND to which report is being made, i.e., to the 1992 Fund only, to the Supplementary Fund only or to both Funds.	1992 Fund only		Sump Fund only		Both Funds	

COMPANY OR ENTITY RECEIVING CONTRIBUTING OIL		
Please give details exactly as you would like them to appear on invoices		
COMPANY OR ENTITY		
FOR THE ATTENTION OF		
ADDRESS		
CONTACT PERSON	Name	
In case of queries	Job title	
	Telephone No.	
	Fax No.	
	Email address	
ASSOCIATED COMPANIES OR ENTITIES, which may also have received contributing oil		

RECEIPTS OF CONTRIBUTING OIL		
	<b>QUANTITY</b> In metric tones, rounded to the nearest tonne	
A. Received directly after carriage by sea		
	Imported from other States	
	After coastal movement within the same State	
B. Received by other modes of transport, e.g. by pipeline, after carriage by sea from a non-Member State		
	State from which received	Mode of transport
<b>TOTAL QUANTITY OF CONTRIBUTING OIL RECEIVED</b>		

SIGNATURES			
OFFICER OF COMPANY OR ENTITY		GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL	
Signed		Signed	
Date		Date	
Name		Name	
Job title		Job title	
		Body	

FUND USE ONLY	File	Associated to	92 Fund	SF	Entered	Checked	FUND USE ONLY
	CTR						