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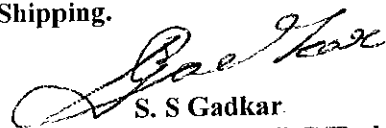
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## **Merchant Shipping Notice No. 26 of 2013.**

NO: ENG/EXAM-17(12)/2007	Dated: 11.11.2013								
<b>Subject: Exemption from requirement of qualifying sea-service documents for crew whose vessels were hijacked.</b>									
<p>Pirate attacks in the Gulf of Aden, the Red Sea and the waters of east coast of Somalia including Arabian Sea are attributed to Somali Pirates. A number of vessels having Indian crew on board have been hijacked by these Somali Pirates. These crew members have been released after being kept in captivity for a very long period of time. These affected crew members may not be in a position to submit qualifying sea-service documents towards their eligibility for various grades of examinations.</p> <p>The Director General of Shipping has considered inability of these crew members on compassionate grounds, and has directed under the provisions of Rule 46 of MS (STCW) Rules 1998, that :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>these crew members are exempted from submitting qualifying sea-service documents for rating watch-keeping certificates and Nautical &amp; Engineering grade examinations for the time period affected by hijacking subject to submission of a letter from the company's authorized signatory, certifying the period for which the vessel was hijacked;</li> <li>the time spent under hijacking will be considered as sea service/propelling time for the various grades of examinations for engineers and deck officers as follows:</li> </ol> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>MEO Class IV Examinations</td> <td>75% of the effective hijacked time may be considered as propelling time</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MEO Class II Examinations</td> <td>50% of the effective hijacked time may be considered as propelling time</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MEO Class I Examinations</td> <td>25% of the effective hijacked time may be considered as propelling time</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nautical Examinations</td> <td>50% of the effective hijacked time may be considered as sea service</td> </tr> </table> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For rating watch keeping certificates, effective hijacked time may be considered as sea service. Eligible candidates will have to appear for :- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>orals examination; or,</li> <li>perform additional 3 months of sea-going service on any operational vessel and then apply for issuance of watch keeping certificate to any facilitation centre.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>		MEO Class IV Examinations	75% of the effective hijacked time may be considered as propelling time	MEO Class II Examinations	50% of the effective hijacked time may be considered as propelling time	MEO Class I Examinations	25% of the effective hijacked time may be considered as propelling time	Nautical Examinations	50% of the effective hijacked time may be considered as sea service
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d) all other applicable requirements for examinations are to be complied with.

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



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1. The Principal Officers/ Mercantile Marine Department, Mumbai/Kolkata/ Chennai/ Kandla/Cochin.
2. The Surveyor-in-charge, Mercantile Marine Department, Goa/Jamnagar/Port Blair /Visakhapatnam /Tuticorin /Delhi /Haldia/ Paradip /Mangalore.
3. All Classification Societies.
4. Indian National Shippers Association (INSA), Mumbai
5. All Shipping Companies
6. The Naval Architecture Branch
7. The Engineering Branch
8. The Nautical Branch
9. Hindi Cell
10. Guard file.
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