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Sir

As per the directives of Bureau of Immigration Hqrs., starting from July 1, 2024, foreign crew members of foreign-voyage vessels, getting converted to coastal voyage for more than a month at Indian ports shall mandatorily possess valid Employment, Business, or X-Entry Visas, with the name of vessel endorsed on the visa. The present privilege of exemption of visa upto three months shall stay nullified as on June 30. The principals/owners of the vessels being handled by your agencies may be sensitized in this regard, thereby enabling them to obtain appropriate visas for their crew members well in advance.

Foreign crew members not in possession of valid Indian visa on board such vessels shall be signed off at Indian ports with effect from July 01, 2024.

Regards

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