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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

DG Shipping Order No. 13 of 2020

NO: ENG/Misc-29(73)/09	Dated: 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2020
<b>Subject:</b> Extension to the validity of Seafarer's Certificates and Ship's Statutory Certificates, periodical Surveys & Audits in view of COVID-19 pandemic.	

1. The Directorate General of Shipping, as a proactive measure, issued *DGS Order No. 6 of 2020* on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020, wherein it has laid down the process of extension of mandatory surveys, inspections and audits by a period of three months, issuance of exemptions from Safe Manning requirements, and has granted extension to the validity of Certificates of Competency/Proficiency/Recognition of Equivalence (COC / COP / COE) for a period of one month without application for all those seafarers who are sailing on ships, under "Force Majeure", brought about by COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Whereas, vide the aforesaid order, the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) has also waived off the processing fees for such extensions, except for cases pertaining to extension of dry-docking survey / periodical / annual / renewal surveys and that the said order was valid for a period of one month from date of issue.
3. Whereas, at the request of Indian National Ship Owner Association (INSA) and Indian Coastal Ship Owner Association (ICSSA) and after taking a pragmatic view of the situation, the DGS had issued on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020 an *Addendum No. 1 to DGS Order 6 of 2020*, granted extension of six months to the validity of COC / COP / COE which are expiring between 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 and 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020, without application and irrespective of whether the seafarer was sailing or not.
4. Noting that lockdown has prevented the Surveyors and servicing personnel of the Recognized Organizations and service suppliers to board vessels to carry out Statutory Surveys and mandatory servicing of life-saving & fire-fighting appliances respectively and that non-completion of the same can lead to unsafe condition of the ship and possible detention of ships at various ports world-wide, due to non-conduct of mandatory surveys / servicing in a time bound manner as required under various International Conventions.

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