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नौवहनमहानिदेशालय, मुंबई  
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

F. No. 23-MISC/23/2021-CREW-DGS

Date: 30.05.2023

**DGS Crew Circular No. 12 of 2023**

**Subject: Addendum 2 in respect of DGS Circular No. 23 of 2022 dated 02.12.2022 regarding issuance of Bio-metric Seafarer's Identity Documents (BSID) to Indian Seafarers. reg.**

Whereas, the Directorate General of Shipping had issued DGS Crew Circular No. 23 of 2022 dated 02.12.2022 mandating Indian seafarers to obtain Bio-metric Seafarer's Identity Documents (BSID) for availing various services offered by the Directorate General of Shipping and its allied offices.

2. Whereas, the Directorate is in receipt of various representations from stakeholders; institutes and the seafarers in respect of the following issues:--

- i. **Issuance of Renewal/Replacement/Duplicate CDCs to seafarer who are not in possession of BSID Cards** – Seafarers, who are in possession of an expired CDC (Continuous Discharge Certificate) and have encountered with any error in their CDC, are facing challenges while applying for CDC renewal, replacement, or duplication. The process is hindered because they are unable to proceed without having a valid BSID (Biometric Seafarer Identity Document) Card in their possession as per DGS Circular no. 03 of 2023. As a result, their ability to obtain the necessary CDC-related services is impeded.
- ii. **Issue of Non-Seafarers intending to carry out GMDSS (GOC & ROC)** – Individuals who are not seafarers but are intending to pursue GMDSS (Global Maritime Distress and Safety System) courses, specifically GOC (General Operator's Certificate) and ROC (Restricted Operator's Certificate) are unable to enroll their selves in the institutes without having a valid BSID Card in their possession.
- iii. **Issue of Trainers who wants to enroll for VICT/ AECS/ TSTA Courses --** Individuals who are intending to pursue VICT/AECS/TSTA are not being able to enroll their selves without having a valid BSID Card. On examining, it is observed that these 03 courses are basically for faculties for imparting training sessions on Maritime Courses at approved MTIs

3. The Directorate General of Shipping, after due consultation and scrutinization, has considered the above mentioned issues and it has been decided that relaxation can be provided/given to institutes for enrolling candidates/individuals who are not seafarers or doesn't belong to marine background and are intending to enroll for GMDSS (GOC & ROC) Courses and for **Vertical Integration Course for Trainers (VICT)/ Train the Simulator Trainer and Assessor (TSTA)/ Assessment, Examination and Certificate of Seafarers (AECS)** Courses.

4. Further, as the CDC is a mandatory document for the issuance of BSID Cards, the Directorate General of Shipping has decided to give one time extension till 31.07.2023 in case of seafarers who are not in possession of BSID Cards and are intending to get their CDC Card renewed/replaced/duplicated.

5. This issues with the approval of Director General of Shipping in the rank of Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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Deputy Director General of Shipping

To,

- i. All stakeholders (owners / employers / recruiters / seafarers union etc.) through DGS website
- ii. All other non-members Shipping Companies to any associations
- iii. Government Shipping Office, Mumbai/Kolkata/Chennai
- iv. Mercantile Marine Departments.
- v. Hindi Cell for Translation.
- vi. E-Gov Cell
- vii. Computer Cell for uploading at DGS Website