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The GMDSS (GOC) examination is conducted as per the requirements of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) [a specialized agency of the United Nations Organization – UNO] by the Ministry of Communications (MOC), Govt. of India. The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS), Govt. of India, takes part in the said examination to ensure an enforcement of the provisions of the Standards of Training, Certification & Watch Keeping [STCW] Convention (as amended, from time to time) and Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention (as amended from time to time), with respect to radio duties and Search and Rescue (SAR) competencies on board merchant vessels.

2. The GMDSS(GOC) course is conducted by maritime training institutes approved jointly by the Directorate General of Shipping and the Ministry of Communications, Gol, [WPC Wireless Wing], as per the International Maritime Organization [IMO], [another specialized agency of the UNO], Model Course 1.25 and ITU requirements.
3. The inspection of the GMDSS (GOC) training Institutes for new approvals or for upgrading of GMDSS (GOC) simulators of extant institutes, as per the requirements of the MOC, is jointly carried out by officials of the MOC and DGS.
4. The MOC ensures compliance with the licensing requirements and DGS ensures that the guidelines of the IMO's 1.25 model course are complied with.
5. All applications seeking an approval for the GMDSS (GOC) course are to be made to the MOC. A copy of the same is to be forwarded to the DGS (Training Branch). The DGS then forwards this to the jurisdictional DGS Academic Council, with a request for an inspection and its comments thereon for deciding on such cases for approval. Applicant co-ordinates with the offices of the MOC and Academic Council [of the DGS] for confirmation of the mutually agreed inspection date(s).
6. On satisfactory completion of such a joint inspection by the MOC and DGS, as per the prevailing MoC-WPC check list of GMDSS institute inspection, the inspection team may jointly recommend the conduct of such a course, and the same may be forwarded then to the DGS (Training Branch). A copy of the same will also be maintained with the NT Branch of the DGS.
7. An approval may be granted by the MOC and DGS, Gol, separately, indicating that the said training can commence only after an approval from both the DGS and WPC. The DGS approval for such a course is subject to receiving favorable recommendations from the concerned Academic Council.
8. At present there is a surplus of GMDSS (GOC) course seats [approved intake vis-à-vis the number of candidates required to undergo the said course. The Director General of Shipping, Gol, in consultation with the Wireless Advisor, Ministry of

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Communications, GoI, hereby declares a temporary ban on new approvals / enhancement of existing intake of the GMDSS (GOC) Course.

9. Only Applications for capacity expansion of existing institutes or approval of in-pipeline cases of such institutes which are going through the modification of their existing simulators and have applied for the same prior to the date of issue of this Circular will be considered as per the merits of the case and requirements of the industry.

10. This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping and ex officio Additional Secretary to the Government of India.



[Mahua Sarkar]

Deputy Director General of Shipping

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1. Ministry of Communication & Information Technology, Department of Telecommunications, (Wireless Planning & Coordination Wing), 619, Sancham Bhavan, 20, Ashoka Road, New Delhi 110 001.
2. All Pre sea Maritime Training institutes
3. All Academic Councils [EAC, Kolkata/NAC, Kandla/WAC, Mumbai/SAC, Chennai/SWAC, Kochi]
4. All Mercantile Marine Departments
5. The Shipping Masters, Mumbai /Kolkata/Chennai
6. INSA/MASSA/FOSMA
7. Engg Branch
8. NT Branch
9. Crews Branch
10. Computer Cell
11. Management Representative, EAC branch (QMS Manual), DGS
12. PS to DG for DG's kind information.
13. Guard File
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15. Hindi Cell