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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

**CORRIGENDUM-1 TO THE DGS ORDER 06 OF 2023**

F No 16-17011/5/2022-SD-DGS

Dated 01.07.2023

1. Whereas, after extensive consultation with the stakeholders, DGS Order 06 of 2023 on “Age Norms and Other Qualitative Parameters with Respect to Vessels”, was issued on 24.06.2023.

2. Whereas, after the issuance of the DGS Order 06 of 2023 dated 24.02.2023, further representations were made by the ONGC/INSA/ICCSA and other stakeholders on the difficulties being faced by them.

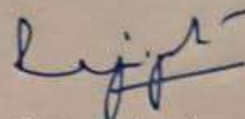
3. Whereas with respect to the problems being faced due to the limited availability of highly specialised vessels, it is decided to amend paragraph 13 of the DGS Order 06 of 2023 as follows:

***“Whereas, this order shall not be applicable to Passenger Vessels, FSRU, FPSO, Highly Specialized vessels (inter alia, Heavy Lift Installation Barge, crane barge, Pipe laying vessel, cable laying vessel, Research Vessel and Floating Docks) and Drilling/Production units certified under MODU/SPS Code, as applicable.”***

4. Whereas, considering the merit in the submission about the requirement of sufficient time to be given to comply with the qualitative norms, it is decided that in case of new acquisition of a vessel, time till the next drydock survey would be given towards obtaining

CAP rating compliance and for obtaining OVID/TIQ/BIQ/Rightship rating six months is given from the date of registry accordingly.

5. The "Annexure -I of the DGS Order 06 of 2023" has been revised and attached with this Corrigendum.



(Rajiv Jalota)  
Director General of Shipping,  
and Secretary to the Government of India

To,

1. All stakeholders/Ship-owners/Charterers/Shippers/All Indian Shipping Companies through the official website of the DGS, GoI.
2. INSA/ICSSA/FOSMA/MASSA.
3. Indian Ports Association.
4. Indian Private Ports and Terminals Association.

Copy also forwarded for kind information to the:

The Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways,  
GoI, Transport Bhawan, 1, Sansad marg, New Delhi-110001.

**“Annexure -I of the DGS Order 06 of 2023”**

Age Range	COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT		Remarks	Conclusion
	Entry into the Flag - New vessel or 2nd hand vessel	Existing vessels		
A	B	C	D	E
<b>1. OIL TANKERS</b>				
When below 15 years of age	Provided, vessel is Classed with an IACS Member.	No additional condition.		<p>1. Oil Tankers (2nd hand) of 20 years and above age can't be acquired.</p> <p>2. Withdrawal of GTL for all tankers of 25 years of age and above.</p> <p>3. No relaxation for bunker barges (RSV/ICV).</p>
When between 15 and 20 years	Provided, (i) vessel is Classed with an IACS Member, and (ii) CAP 1 rating for Hull and CAP 2 for Machinery & cargo systems, to be obtained not later than the next Drydock Survey.	Must obtain; (i) CAP 1 rating for Hull and minimum CAP 2 rating for Machinery and Cargo Systems from an RO of the GoI, at every dry-docking. (CAP ratings to be obtained from an RO of the GoI, to be obtained not later than the next Drydock Survey and maintained at every dry-docking thereafter)	Withdrawal of GTL in case of non-compliance with conditions in Column C Or Upon vessel attaining 25 years, whichever is earlier.	
When, 20 to 25 years of age	not permitted	Same as Above.		

2. BULK CARRIER/GENERAL CARGO VESSELS (Other than <i>Exclusive Cellular Container Vessel</i> )				
When below 15 years of age	Provided, vessel is Classed with an IACS Member.	No additional condition.		1. Bulker/GC vessels (2nd hand) of 20 years and above age cannot be acquired.
When between 15 and 20 years	(i) Rightship Inspection or an evaluation by an RO under equivalent rating methodology developed by the DGS, to be obtained within 6 months of registering the vessel.	(i) Rightship Inspection or an evaluation by an RO under an equivalent rating methodology developed by the DGS, to be obtained within one year from the date of this order.	Withdrawal of GTL in case of non-compliance with conditions in Column C Or Upon vessel attaining 25 years, whichever is earlier.	2. Withdrawal of GTL for all vessels of age 25 years and above.
When 20 to 25 Years of age	not permitted	Same as above.		3. No relaxation for Mini Bulk Carrier, RSV, special type vessels such as Ro-Ro etc.  4. Minimum Rightship Safety Score of 3 to be obtained and maintained.
3. OFFSHORE FLEET (Other than those addressed under this Order)				
When below 15 years of age	Provided, vessel is Classed with an IACS Member.	No additional condition.		1. No 2nd hand acquisition after attaining 20 years of age.
When between 15 and 20 years	Provided, (i) vessel is Classed with an IACS Member, and (ii) OVID inspection or an evaluation by an RO under equivalent rating methodology developed by the DGS, to be obtained within 6 months of registry of the vessel.	(i) The OVID inspection or an evaluation by an RO under an equivalent rating methodology developed by the DGS, to be completed within one year from the date of the order, and once every year thereafter.	Withdrawal of GTL in case of non-compliance with conditions in Column C Or Upon vessel attaining 25 years, whichever is earlier. (except for vessels fitted with the DP2 system).	2. Except DP2 for all vessels, Withdrawal of GTL upon attaining 25 years of age.  3. Withdrawal of

When between 20 to 25 Years	Not Permitted.	Same as above.		GTL for DP-2 vessels attaining 30 years of age.
When between 25 to 30 Years	Not Permitted.	Same as above.	Under this category, Only DP 2 vessels are permitted to operate beyond 25 years of age and up to 30 years.	
<b>4. SPECIALISED VESSELS (Diving Support, Geo-technical, Pipe laying, Seismic Survey, Well Simulation, Accommodation Barge) (Note: Applicable for vessels other than those excluded through para 11)</b>				
When below 15 Years of age	Provided, vessel is Classed with an IACS Member.	No additional condition		1. No 2nd hand acquisition after attaining 20 years of age.
When between 15 and 20years	Provided, (i) vessel is Classed with an IACS Member, and  (ii) OVID inspection or an evaluation by an RO under equivalent rating methodology developed by the DGS, to be obtained within 6 months of registry of the vessel.	(i) OVID inspection or an evaluation by an RO under an equivalent rating methodology developed by the DGS within one year of the date of issue of the circular, and every year thereafter.	Withdrawal of GTL in case of non-compliance with conditions in Column C Or Upon vessel attaining 30 years, whichever is earlier.	
When between 20 to 30 years	not permitted	In addition to the above, (i) Annual FSI/GI is to be carried out.		

5. FULLY CELLULAR CONTAINER VESSELS AND CEMENT CARRIERS				
Up to 20 years	Provided, vessel is Classed with an IACS Member.	No additional condition.		1. No 2nd hand acquisition after attaining 20 years of age.
20 to 30 years	Not Permitted.	(i) Annual FSI as per rules.	Withdrawal of GTL upon completion of 30 days in case of non-compliance with conditions in Column C Or Upon vessel attaining 30 years, whichever is earlier.	
6. GAS/CHEMICAL CARRIERS				
When below 20 years of age	Provided, vessel is Classed with an IACS Member.	No additional condition.		1. No 2nd hand acquisition after attaining 25 years of age.
When between 20 and 25 years	Provided; (i) vessel is classed with an IACS member, and (ii) CAP 1 rating for Hull and CAP 2 for machinery and cargo systems from an IACS member, to be obtained not later than next Drydock Survey.	Must obtain; (i) CAP 1 rating for Hull and CAP 2 for Machinery & cargo systems from an RO of the GoI. (CAP ratings as above to be obtained not later than next Drydock Survey., and at every dry-docking thereafter.)	Withdrawal of GTL upon completion of 30 days in case of non-compliance with conditions in Column C <b>Or</b> <b>Upon vessel attaining 30 years</b> , whichever is earlier.	
25 to 30 years	Not Permitted.	Same as above.		



7. HARBOUR TUGS				
up to 20 years	Provided, vessel is Classed with an IACS Member.	No additional condition.		1. Harbour tug means, tugs operating within harbour/port.  2. No 2nd hand acquisition after attaining 20 years of age.
20 to 25 years	Not Permitted.	Regular Class surveys, DD inspection.		
25 to 30 years	Not Permitted.	Annual FSI.	Withdrawal of GTL upon completion of 30 days in case of non-compliance with conditions in Column C Or Upon vessel attaining 30 years of age, whichever is earlier.	
8. AHT's & TUGS INVOLVED IN LONG TOW				
up to 20 years	Provided, vessel is Classed with an IACS Member.	No additional condition.		1. No 2nd hand acquisition after attaining 20 years of age. 2. GTL to be withdrawn for all existing AHT's/Tow tugs of age above 25 years.
20 to 25 years	Not Permitted.	(i) TIQ inspection or an evaluation by an RO under equivalent rating methodology developed by the DGS, to be completed within one year from the date of the Order, and once every year thereafter.	Withdrawal of GTL upon completion of 30 days in case of non-compliance with conditions in Column C Or Upon vessel attaining 25 years of age, whichever is earlier.	

9. DREDGERS				
up to 20 years of age	Provided, vessel is Classed with an IACS Member.	No additional condition.		1. No 2nd hand acquisition after attaining 20 years of age. 2. Inspection done between two successive Annual Survey(AS) shall be equivalent to the scope of AS.
20 to 30 years	Not Permitted.	No additional condition.		
30 to 40 years	Not Permitted.	(i) Bi-annual Class inspection & annual FSI. (i.e., Additional Inspection done between two successive Annual Survey(AS))	Withdrawal of GTL of a vessel upon the vessel attaining 40 years of age.	
10. NON-SELF-PROPELLED OCEAN-GOING CARGO CARRYING BARGES (Dumb Barges)				
up to 20 years	Provided, vessel is Classed with an IACS Member.	No additional condition.		
20 to 25 years of age	Not Permitted.	(i) BIQ inspection or an evaluation by an RO under equivalent rating methodology developed by the DGS, to be completed within one year from the date of the Order, and once every year thereafter.	Withdrawal of GTL of vessel upon the vessel attaining 25 years of age.	
11. FOR VESSELS, OTHER THAN ABOVE				
up to 20 years	Provided, vessel is Classed with an IACS Member.	No additional condition.		
20 to 25 years of age	Not Permitted.	(i) Annual Class and FSI.	Withdrawal of GTL of vessel upon the vessel attaining 25 years of age.	