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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

File No. 20-19016/4/2023-TRG - DGS

DGS Circular No. 19 of 2023

<u>Subject:</u> Revalidation Training Course for revalidation of Nautical Grade Certificate of Competency (CoC) of Masters and Deck Officers issued under STCW 78 as amended (2010 Manila Amendments) - reg.

- 1. Whereas, the Directorate vide DGS Circular No. 01 of 2018 dated 13.02.2018 has stated that there is no requirement for candidates in possession of CoCs issued or upgraded under STCW 2010 amendments to mandatorily undergo revalidation course or Refresher and Updating Training Course (RUT) for revalidating CoCs of nautical discipline.
- 2. Whereas the Directorate has issued Merchant Shipping Notice (MS Notice) No. 07 of 2023 dated 14.06.2023 superseding all previously issued MS Notices and any other administrative instructions issued in regard to revalidation course, as required for revalidation of the nautical grade CoCs. Further, the Directorate vide said MS Notice has mandated for revalidation of all Nautical grade CoCs as per the provisions of the Rule 14(1)(c) of the MS (STCW) Rules 2014.
- 3. Whereas, the Directorate vide Engineer Circular No. 143 of 2018 has issued guidelines for 'Refresher and Updating course for Revalidation of Certificate of competency of Marine Engineer Officers issued under STCW 78 as amended (2010 Manila Amendments). All Maritime Training Institutes who wish to conduct this course may apply online for course approval.
- 4. Whereas, as per MS Notice No. 7 of 2023, it is stated that "all Maritime Training Institutes which have approval for conducting the 'Refresher and Upgrading Training Course' required for transition of CoCs from STCW 1995 amendments to STCW 2010 amendments, for Masters and Deck Officers, shall be considered approved for conduct this 3-day of Revalidation Training Course for Masters and Deck Officers".
- 5. Whereas, the Directorate has received many requests from MTI's those who were previously conducting RUT courses for revalidating CoCs of nautical

discipline till 2018 but later due to discontinuation of the course by the Nautical Wing of the Directorate the course got lapsed as per the DGS Order 5 of 2016.

- 6. Whereas, the Directorate has examined the matter and found that not even single MIT is having approval for the RUT course as on date as all got lapsed. Additionally, this is a new course of 3 days with 24 hours duration.
- 7. Whereas, the Nautical Branch vide Merchant Shipping Notice (MS Notice) No. 07 of 2023 dated 14.06.2023 has stated that "The requirements of this Revalidation Course for revalidation of COCs of Masters and Deck Officers will come into force with effect from 1st August 2023." Therefore, it has been decided by the Directorate that:
 - i) MTI has to apply online (afresh) for approval of the course.
 - ii) The Directorate will allow approval based on documents submitted by the MTIs, but all such documents will be verified by the respective MMDs within a period of six months i.e., prior to 31.01.2024.
 - iii) In case, if any MTI is found conducting course without inspection of MMD beyond 31.01.2024, a serious action as proposed under of DGS Order 5 of 2016 will be initiated.
 - iv) The onus of liability of compliance within stipulated time for the conduct of the course as mentioned above will be of MTI. Hence in case if MTI is 100% compliant to issued Guidelines shall apply online for course approval.
 - v) This scheme will be valid only upto 31.07.2023, subsequently the interested MTI has to follow regular procedure where after applying online for the course approval of RUT, the MMD inspection will be required and only on recommendation of PO, MMD the approval may be considered by the Competent Authority.
 - vi) The Course code for the course will be 1113 and processing fee for the online application will be Rs. 75000 only.
 - vii) There is no requirement of e-learning & Exit Exam for the RUT Course

8. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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