PFSO/CIR/2015/16/64

Date: 07/08/2015

INSA
MANSAMANSHA
Shipping Corporation of India
All Port Users
All Ship Operators, Owners, Managers Manning Agents
And Charterers of all types of vessels
Master of all vessels visiting/intending to visit Port of Mumbai
All Shipping Agents

Sub: Usage of Thuraya/Irridum and other such Satellite Communication in Indian waters.

With reference to Dy Conservator’s office circular No.DC/C-Security/3806 dated 02.08.2014, DC/C-Security/4451 dated 26.09.2013 and DGS order No.2 of 2012 dated 17.05.2012, it has been observed that vessels in and around Mumbai harbour are still using Thuraya, Irridum and other such Satellite Communication system in Indian waters, which is prohibited by the above mentioned DGS Order.

DG Shipping has once again issued order directing that no vessel should use Thuraya/Irridum satellite phones even while through Indian/International waters. Hence all Ship Masters/Owners/Agents are instructed to ensure that these orders are strictly complied with and all bring to the notice of crew members that not to use satellite phones while passing through Indian/International waters.

PORT FACILITY SECURITY OFFICER