

MUMBAI PORT TRUST

Port Department

No. DC/C-3187

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To,

All Masters of vessels visiting the Port of Mumbai

All Ship Owners/Managers/Charterers

All Charterers and Ship Managers and Operators

INSA

MANSA

Shipping Corporation of India

All Oil Companies

Charterers /Managers/Operators of all kinds of vessels

C I R C U L A R

As has been experienced in the past few years, there have been a number of casualties occurring in Mumbai and other Ports as well as along the coastline waters of India. Most of these marine casualties have been attributed to age of the vessel, flags of convenience, inefficiency, manning, improper maintenance and lack of application by the personnel entrusted with the ownership, operation, manning and maintenance.

In this regard, DG Shipping has issued a M.S. Notice No.37/2009 dated 15.12.2009 whereby it becomes mandatory for all ports to report the sub-standard vessels calling at the Port to the PO, MMD.

In compliance with the above, the Master of the vessel is required to provide the Pilot Card details which is the requirement of STCW convention to the embarking Pilot. The embarking Pilot is also obliged to take a keen interest in finding out the deficiencies of the vessel which has been entrusted to him and if he finds that there are deficiencies in the vessel which could qualify it to be substandard in any way, he is required to inform the concerned authorities as follows :

- (i) On discovery of deficiencies, the Boarding Pilot must give a written report to the Dock Master (Control Station) immediately on completion of the job undertaken. Subsequently thereafter, the Dock Master (Control Station) will inform the PO, MMD requesting the Port State Control to inspect the vessel giving the name of the vessel, flag, Agent's name and location of the vessel.
- (ii) In the event of failure to contact the Principal Officer or DIC of MMD for some reason, the information should be communicated to the Port State Control Cell of the Directorate (stating the failure). Contact details at the Directorate are :

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The above procedure will come into immediate effect. All Agents, Charterers, Owners and Ship Operators are to kindly take note that every sub-standard vessel entering the Port of Mumbai will be liable for inspection, primarily by embarking Pilot and subsequently by the Port State Control, MMD, Mumbai.

DEPUTY CONSERVATOR