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The pandemic continues and our industry has to face the primary challenge of crew changes. We all hope that things would be easier, but the challenges continue to be thrown at us. But having said that, companies are doing a great job, given that major restrictions related to medical protocols, combined with air travel restrictions continue to be in place. Let us hope countries in lock down acknowledge contribution of seafarers and open up their ports even if they are in lockdown mode. India has shown the world that crew changes can be achieved very safely, following all protocols.

The role played by shipping companies here in India has been now been formally acknowledged and appreciated.

MUI continues to assist seafarers just like during the last quarter and we also find that ship managers and ship owners too are extending all possible co-operation in cases of crew changes after extended contracts, demise or injuries on board etc..

At the same time, it would be mutually beneficial if seafarers develop a better understanding of the prevailing situation which will allow their employers to function even better as far as crew changes are concerned. Charter flights continue to provide air travel, which is an achievement in itself.

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I would like to request all seafarers and families to keep themselves updated about the latest information related to examination and pandemic related rules, by referring to website of Directorate General of Shipping:

## dgshipping@gov.in

MUI continues to run its office, ofcourse with reduced attendance as per protocol. Officers are requested to ensure continuity of their membership through online facility or sending a cheque to our head office or liaison offices.

The Central Board of Direct Taxes, Ministry of Finance has issue a circular dated May 8 2020, clarifying the NRI status of Indian citizens for dates between 22 March and 31st March, 2020. MUI will be approaching the Ministry for clarifications on NRI status of seafarers for the financial year 2020-2021.

The Nautical Institute, UK held a Certificate of Appreciation event online on 12 September. A distinguished panel was presented and amongst other proceedings, MUI Womens Wing was presented a Certificate of Appreciation.

The Rajasthan Merchant Navy Officer Association and MUI held a webinar - MUI In Rajasthan on 18 September.

Let us hope the pandemic now shows signs of receeding and we all can get back to our usual lifestyles, keeping in mind the necessary precautions.\*\*\*

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Kindly ensure that your Maritime Union of India (MUI) membership is kept validated every year.

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## MUI MEMBERSHIP

Log on to our website: www.maritimeunionofindia.com

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You will then receive all the Log In details on email id provided by you, and using them you can log on to MUI website.

## Alternatively, you can also <u>visit your bank website</u> and using below details carry out a transaction:

Following details would be essential for carrying out the transaction, which will ensure safe and proper deposit to MUI account. Your MUI Membership Fees can be deposited through online process in ANY ONE OF THE BANK ACCOUNTS OF THE MARITIME UNION OF INDIA:

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Bank Name: HDFC Bank, Elphinstone House
17 Murzban Road, Near C.S.T., Mumbai 400001.

Account Number: 03551450000409

Bank Account Type: Savings Account

MICR Code: 400240052

IFSC Code: HDFC0000355

Swift Code: HDFCINBBXXX

# After carrying out the online transaction kindly make sure you send us an email at membership@maritimeunionofindia.com

mentioning your name, MUI Membership Number, date and amount of transaction, your name and MUI membership number. Alongwith these details, a Snapshot or Image of the transaction receipt from your bank can also be included.

Officers are requested to keep with their next of kin a copy of the Bilateral Agreement they have signed before sign-on with the respective company they are serving under. It can also be sent to MUI office, Mumbai, for our records.

# NOTICE OF ACCOMMODATION FACILITY FOR MUI MEMBERS AT VIRAR, MUMBAI

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Seafarer officers, who desire to avail this facility, may please contact the head office of the Maritime Union of India.

Thanking you
For the Maritime Union of India
Sd/Amar Singh Thakur - MUI
General Secretary

Members are requested to mention their Membership Number, Rank, CDC number, residence address and telephone number, mobile number (self and spouse), email address, name of company they are currently serving in, when corresponding with us. This will enable us to keep your details updated and ensure smooth communication in all matters.

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For all issues related to <u>MEMBERSHIP</u> including <u>PAYMENT</u> of <u>MUI MEMBERSHIP FEES</u>, and <u>ALL QUERIES</u> related to Membership, kindly send your emails to:

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## OFFICERS IN PATNA CAN VISIT MUI LIAISON OFFICE IN PATNA FOR FRESH AND RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

The Maritime Union of India (MUI) has opened a office at Patna, Bihar on 26 May, 2018, located at Verma Centre, Office No. 408, Boring Road, Chouraha, Patna.

All Officers of the region are requested to advantage of this new office.

# After carrying out the online transaction kindly make sure you send us an email at membership@maritimeunionofindia.com

OFFICERS' MEMBERSHIP FORM is included on page no. 35
CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY (COC) PROTECTION FORM is included on page nos. 33 and 34

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## THE MARITIME UNION OF INDIA ACTION TAKEN REPORT

#### 07.07.2020

A Webinar titled INDIAN SEAFARERS CREW CHANGE - SUCCESS OR FAILURE ??? was held on Tuesday, 21 July, 2020 was held alongwith NUSI.

The CORONA pandemic in India and throughout the world has drastically altered situations and the way we are used to go about with our personal and professional lives.

While the lands of the world are under a lockdown, the skies of the world are quiet, it is only the seas which are alive and active, thanks to the seafarers working onboard their ships keeping the worldwide trade going.

The concern of thousands of seafarers awaiting repatriation has been in universal focus for nearly four months now. Thousands of our seafarers have extended their contracts and are awaiting to be repatriated. Equally important are those ashore waiting to join the ships. The Maritime Administration, the Ministry of Shipping including other ministries of the Government of India together with the shipowners, shipmanagers, unions have executed crew change of our seafarers in Indian ports and through chartered and Vande Bharat flights benefitting a large number of our seafarers. But it has also come with its own set of criticisms, hardships and challenges.

The panelists had representations from the DGS, Indian and foreign shipowners including from Cruise ships, ITF, MUI and NUSI.

The webinar was a great success with a large number of participants. It was appreciated by one and all in the industry.

## 07.07.2020

An Officer, from had completed 13 months on board and fractured his forearm on board. He was admitted to hospital in Prapa Dang, Brazil. Due to pandemic restrictions he was not permitted to sign off. We approached Indian Embassy in Thailand to assist in the matter. The Officer was signed off and reached home on 10<sup>th</sup> July.

#### 10.07.2020

We received one more request from ITF for sign off of seafarers from vessel. We contacted the company and the officer was signed-off alongwith others at port of Bristol on 16 July.

## 10.07.2020

ITF approached us on behalf of an officer who wanted to sign-off. We approached the company and were informed that the seafarers will be signed off from Brisbane or Port Geelong in third week of the month, however they were facing issues. On 27<sup>th</sup> July they were signed-off from Port Geelong.

## 10.07.2020

MUI wrote to Chairman, Deendayal Port Trust regarding a Trade Circular issued by their Deputy Conservator. This circular prevented a seafarer from getting off the ship if his test report is positive. We stated that the circular is not only entirely against basic common sense, but is against Government and Directorate General of Shipping policy to ensure treatment and prevent spread of the disease. We also questioned the circular and questioned them as to how does one expect an infected seafarer continue to be on board. The issue was sorted out and the problem was resolved.

## 10.07.2020

ITF informed us about seafarers not being signed off at Fujairah. We spoke and communicated with the company and via emails. The seafarers were signed off on 13 August.

## 11.07.2020

Two officers got in touch with us and after our communication with the company they were relieved from Singapore.

## 14.07.2020

There was a physical confrontation between and Ukrainian Chief Engineer and Indian Chief Officer on board vessel. MUI wrote to the company and have been assured that they will be taking action against the Chief Engineer even though he expressed intent to resolve the matter. Chief Officer was also relieved at Singapore, as his contract was over.

#### 15.07.2020

An Officer, was offered INR 50000/- on coastal ship by company however after joining he was given only INR 35000/-. Officer was not having contract letter with him.

We raised a strong protest for the officer with company and without any proof or agreement after many email exchanges, company is not ready to give balance of wages in august months allotment and also giving his sea time letter. After continued pressure from MUI, company assured that his salary will be cleared by end of August which has now been received by Officer.

### 16.07.2020

ITF approached us as crew members of vessel had approached for sign-off. MUI approached the company and were told that they are doing their best. The sign off is was done on 30 August at Kochi..

## 17.07.2020

All Officers on board vessel contacted MUI through ITF and we got in touch with the company. We were informed that none of the officers had completed more than 6 to 7 months. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Engineer, could not sign off since his reliever could not board his flight due to immigration formalities at Chennai airport. All other officers were signed off. Now the 2<sup>nd</sup> engineer to has been signed-off.

## 19.07.2020

An Enlightening Webinar on Personal Development highlighting the Virtual Launch of an E-RECIPE book 'Food for Thought' by Families of Seafarers on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

MUI-Women's Wing (MUI-WW) launched its first ever E-RECIPE book called — FOOD FOR THOUGHT, a Treasure trove of Culinary secrets by families of Seafarers. The Book Launch was done through a grand online webinar that also involved some highly enriching sessions by hospitality industry experts.

#### 01.08.20

An officer was fatally injured due to steam observation tank glass giving way. The mortal remains were kept at Port of Falmouth, U.K..

MUI wrote to High Commissioner of Indian to the United Kingdom to request assistance for early release of mortal remains to India.

The Directorate General of Shipping was also kept in the loop and was co-ordinating in the matter. The mortal remains were then released and arrived at hometown.

## 10.08.2020

MUI was informed that an Indian company has been keeping corona positive and negative seafarers together on board their vessels. We informed the company about this serious issue and the monitoring the issue.

## 11.08.2020

An Officer approached us for a dispute with the Master. We spoke to the company who said that both officers were guided to work amicably on board putting aside all disputes/differences. However the officer insisted on signing off. He was ultimately signed off and we requested the company to conduct his debriefing and resolve the matter.

#### 17.08.2020

MUI has expressed interest to introduce regulations in place to introduce Provident Fund, Gratuity and Pension facility for all Indian Seafarers.

With support of Ministry of Shipping and Directorate General of Shipping, MUI has communicated to Officers regarding these benefits. MUI also intends to introduce "Priority" for seafarers during travel by air, road and rail. Petitions are being currently requested from officers who are sailing and on leave and we are receiving positive responses. We are expecting to receive atleast 25,000 such petitions which will help MUI to pursue this matter further.

## 17.08.2020

An officer sent email to us on 17<sup>th</sup> August that his documents were held by the company, and are not being given back to him. Company had asked him to wait for being allotted a ship, after having completed value-added courses provided by the company. We contacted the company and discussed that he could not join due to personal reasons. The company understood the issue and co-operated and the documents were returned to the officer.

## 19.08.2020

Regarding the grounding and subsequent break up of vessel M.V. Wakashio off the coast of Mauritius, MUI has written to the Mauritius Government, port

authorities, Indian High Commission in Mauritius, and other authorities there. We have also communicated to our Ministry of Shipping and Directorate General of Shipping. We have emphasized the importance of providing communication facility to Capt. Sunil Kumar Nandeshwar to communicate with his family and company, appointment of legal advice through the company and decent accommodation. A court hearing is scheduled on 25 August, 2020. We are eagerly awaiting details of the same. On receiving our email, we have received a response from Maritime Transport and Port Employees Union, Mauritius. They will be doing their best to meet the Master and Chief Officer during the hearing. MUI is constantly monitoring the situation.

## 20.08.2020

We received information from ITF, that an officer, was not being signed-off. We got in touch with the company and were assured that it will be done on priority at the earliest opportunity. The Officer has now been signed off on 21.08.2020 and proceeded to his home after undergoing quarantine as per protocol.

## 20.08.2020

All seafarers on board a vessel complained to ITF requesting sign-off. The company was approached by MUI and ultimately all were signed off at Galle, Sri Lanka.

## 10.09.2020

A second engineer was repatriated without notice after couple of months on board, stating that he will transferred to another vessel. Company did not appoint him on a vessel and neither provided compensation. Officer approached ITF, got in touch with us. MUI communicated with the company and followed up the matter for a month to ensure justice by paying two months basic wages as compensation.

## 13.09.2020

We were informed by an RPSL company, about unfortunate incident of missing cadet from their ship at sea. Search and rescue operation was conducted by company. We co-ordinated with company in the matter, however, the cadet could not be located. It was ensured that the family is kept informed in the matter by the company.

## 26.09.2020

A 2nd officer had completed his contract on board and vessel sailed from China to Singapore. He wanted to sign off but company was simply not responding. Officer approached MUI and we intervened the matter and spoke to company officials regarding the repatriation. However due to COVID restrictions in Singapore officer was not able to sign off. Company informed us that they will relive the officer in Malaysia. We were in touch with company continuously and then finally officer signed off from Malaysia and reached home safely.

## 29.09.2020

Three vessels stuck up at various ports where crew complained to MUI. They had not received salary since last four months and company was neither interested to arrange their sign off. We contacted the company and communicated with management they informed us that owners are having legal issues with charterers and they are also pursuing this case. We informed the company to invoke P&I financial security clause from MLC 2006 and get their four months salary and arrange their sign off. We received information that two vessels crew got salary upto August and are signed-off at Iran and Kandla respectively and seafarers on third vessel will be relieved and paid very soon.

## 29.09.2020

MUI assisted RPSL companies for instances of demise on board. We communicated to various government departments / individuals in India and overseas to assist company get the mortal remains earliest back to India:

Incident 1: Vessel departed from Liverpool, UK and was sailing 100 NM from Amsterdam. Officer collapsed and crew members provided all possible assistance. Coast Guard was contacted and officer was evacuated, however he could not be revived. MUI assisted the company in all possible ways to arrange the repatriation of mortal remains.

**Incident 2**: An officer suffered heart attack while at Manila anchorage. MUI assisted the company in all possible ways to arrange the repatriation of mortal remains.\*\*\*

## Directorate General of Shipping Circulars for Information of Members GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Updated: 02.07.2020

- 1. Ensure your eligibility as per M.S. (Standards of Training, Certification & Watchkeeping for Seafarers) Rules 2014 and Training Examination & Assessment Programme (TEAP) 2015 before filling up the application forms electronically online.
- 2. M.S. (Standards of Training, Certification & Watchkeeping for Seafarers) Rules 2014 is available DG Shipping website, please refer to below link

http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/userfiles/file/Notification stcw2014 310714.pdf\

3. Training Examination & Assessment Programme (TEAP) 2015 is available DG Shipping website, please refer to below link

http://dgshipping.gov.in/writereaddata/ShippingNotices/201505191224526716388TEAPAConsolidatedR e v1,May2015-compressed.pdf

4. If you are a seafarer and have any more questions which are not listed below then you may send an email to DG Shipping: helpdesk-dgs@nic.in, danieljohn-dgs@gov.in

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

## Q1. To whom all does the DGS Order 16 of 2020 applies?

**Ans:** It applies to all seafarers in possession of certificates issued by or under the authority of DG Shipping and expiring on or before 31st December 2020.

## Q2. To which certificates does it apply?

Ans: It applies to

- a) Certificates of competency issued by DG Shipping
- b) Dangerous Cargo endorsements issued by DGS, MMD, MASSA, FOSMA, IMF, IMEI, CMMI, INSA and ICCSA (under authority of DGS)
- c) Fire-fighting (Basic and Advanced) course certificate under authority of DG Shipping
- d) PST and PSCRB course certificate under authority of DG Shipping
- e) Refresher training for Fire Fighting, PST, PSCRB etc. course certificate under authority of DG Shipping
- f) Medical First Aid / Medical care course certificate under authority of DG Shipping
- g) Oil Tanker, Chemical Tanker or Gas Tanker course certificate under authority of DG Shipping

## Q3. How do I know if my certificate comes under the ambit of the circular?

Ans: If your certificates issued under STCW 2010 expiring on or before 31st December 2020

## Q4. Does it apply to Rating forming part of Navigation or Engine room watch?

**Ans:** These certificates had lifelong validity anyway. They were valid as long as the Basic Safety course certificates were valid (Basic Fire-fighting, PST, PSSR, EFA) (and STSDSD)

## Q5. Does it apply for AB COP?

Ans: AB COP is life-long unlimited valid. Rest same as in 4 above

## Q6. If my DC Endorsement is expiring in 14th Dec 2020. Do I get benefit under the circular?

**Ans:** Yes, the new expiry date of your certificate will be 31st Dec 2021. PROVIDED he has sailed on tanker for at least 3 months in the 5 years preceding date of expiry of DCE (i.e between 15th Dec 2015 to 14th Dec 2020)

## Q7. If I have a new DC Endorsement which has no expiry date on it, then?

Ans: No problem. Continue to sail for the moment.

## Q8. If my DCE will expire on 14th Jan 2021, then how long is it valid?

**Ans:** Para 5.i. of the order states ".which have expired or are expiring on or before 31st Dec 2020".. "shall be deemed to be revalidated till 31st Dec2021".

Your certificate expires on 14th Jan 2021. You do not benefit from the order. Expiry date of your DCE remains 14th Jan 2021.

## Q9. If my COC, GOC, STCW certificate or DCE will expire on 14th Jan 2021, then how long is it valid? I want to sail as have urgent commitments, what to do to extend the validity?

Ans: STCW certificates can be extended by only up to 6 months. However, in view of the extra ordinary circumstances, DG Shipping has on its own extended the validity of certificates expiring till 31.12.2020 to 31.12.2021 to enable the seafarers to join the ships without awaiting any approval from DG Shipping. Cases of expiry beyond 31.12.2020 will be dealt with on case to case basis if firm contracts of joining ships are available and satisfying all conditions as stated in Annex 1 to DG Shipping order no. 16 of 2020 is complied with.

SOP to obtain such extensions to the validity of seafarer's certificates is notified and available in DG Shipping website in the following link for compliance by all concerned:

https://dgshipping.gov.in/writereaddata/News/202007010409255167706SOP 30062020.PDF

## Q10. My DCE has expired on 25th June 2016. I have not renewed it. Will this be valid?

Ans: The para 5.I of DGS order states that only those certificates which are expiring before 31st Dec 2020 AND are complying with provisions of STCW 2010, will benefit under this order. If you have done the refresher courses as per STCW 2010, and have sailed on tankers for 3 months in past 5 years, then no problem, and it is valid till 31st Dec 2021. If you have not done the courses nor have sailed on tankers, then NO.

## Q11. If things return to normal and DGS start functioning normally, can I continue to sail till 31st Dec 2021 taking advantage of the DGS Order?

**Ans:** This order has been issued during exceptional circumstances. It is expected that you do not take undue benefit from this. It is also your employer's responsibility to ensure that you meet the requirements of STCW convention.

## Q12. If my DCE is expiring on 19th Nov 2020, and I join a ship 12th July 2020, will I get benefit of this circular?

**Ans:** Yes, you can safely sail till end of your contract up to 31st Dec 2021. However, once you return, you must check if you can do the courses, as required, and renew your DCE.

## Q13. I am on board now and my COC is expiring on 14th September 2020 and I sail up to 15th Jan 2021. I then apply for revalidation of my COC in May 2021. How long will my COC will be valid?

Ans: You will receive revalidation up to 14th Sept 2025 (5 years from date of original expiry)

## Q14. My certificate of competency expires on 12th August 2020. I am joining ship on 1st July 2020. What do I have to do now to get benefit of this order?

**Ans:** You have to do nothing except carry a copy of this DGS order and relevant sea service proof records such as copy of CDC, Master checker sea service record print outs.

Q15. Please clarify, does DGS Order 16 of 2020 also includes GMDSS GOC certificate issued by Ministry of Telecommunications, Govt. of India? My GMDSS GOC is expiring before 31st Dec 2020, Will my GMDSS GOC certificate issued by Ministry of Telecommunications will be considered extended till 31st Dec 2021.

**Ans:** NO, you need to approach Ministry of Telecommunications and renew your GMDSS GOC, basis renewal of the same, the GMDSS COC endorsement issued by MMD would be assumed to be valid.

Q16. For obtaining the Management level Oil DCE for nautical side, candidate must complete 5 days LCHS Course. However, due to lockdown and Maritime Training Institutes (MTI's) being closed, I am unable to complete my LCHS course booked in the month of march 2020. I have more than 24 months sailing experience on oil tankers. Can I apply OIL DCE Management level without LCHS Course on the basis of my oil tanker experience?

Ans: NO, you need to wait for a while as MTI's are being planned to open up shortly.

## Q17. Regarding other queries:

- a) CDC's are being dispatched by post by all shipping masters
- b) Renewal sticker will be sent on basis of online application, you need to apply and the renewal sticker will be sent to your home address
- c) SID already prepared is being sent by post
- d) If any queries of CDC or SID, you can contact the respective shipping masters by email sm-mum-ship@gov.infor Mumbai sm-kol-ship@gov.infor Kolkata sm-chn-ship@gov.infor Chennai

If you are a seafarer and have any more questions which are not listed aforesaid then you may send an email with your queries to DG Shipping: helpdesk-dgs@nic.in; danieljohn-dgs@gov.in

F. No. 7-NT(36)/98-Vol-II Date: 27.07.2020

# NT Exam Circular No: 01/2020 Extension of period of validity of nautical discipline examination functions due to the COVID-19 Pandemic-reg.

- The Directorate had issued NT Branch Circular No. 05/2005 dated 06.05.2005 which specified the period of validity of passed function for the nautical discipline STCW Competency Examination as five years from the date of passing the examination.
- Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, the Directorate deferred the conduct of all Competency Examinations with effect from 24.03.2020 vide DGS Order 02 of 2020 dated 16.03.2020.
- 3. To ensure that candidates who have passed some functions of the Competency Examinations of the Nautical discipline are not put to undue hardship
- in completing their examinations within the specified validity period of 5 years due to the non-conduct of examinations, it has been decided that the period during which Competency Examinations have not been conducted due to pandemic shall not be considered for inclusion in the 5 year period of validity of the passed function of nautical discipline competency examinations.
- 4. This is issued with the approval of the Chief Examiner of Masters & Mates and Nautical Advisor to the Govt. of India. (i/c).

Sd/-Capt. G.P. Shenoy Nautical Surveyor cum DDG (Tech.) F. No. 7-NT(72)/2014 Date: 20.07.2020

## DGS Order No. 21 of 2020

## Subject: Standard Operating Procedure / Protocol (SOP) for repatriation of foreign seafarers from Indian ports - reg.

- 1. The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has created a global crisis which has impacted all aspects of life and badly affected the work environment. In the maritime sector, it has severely impacted the ship to shore interactions, including crew changes.
- 2. The Directorate had issued DGS Order No. 12 of 2020 dated 22.04.2020 prescribing the Standard Operating Procedures / Protocols (SOP) for controlled crew change of Indian seafarers at Indian ports to facilitate and regulate crew change for seafarers so that the safe environment on the ship is not compromised or no contamination is brought from ship to shore.
- 3. It may be noted that appeals and statements / joint statements have been made by various international communities such as International Maritime Organisation (IMO), International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), International Labour Organisation (ILO), International Air Transport Association (IATA), International Chamber of Shipping (ICS). International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH), INTERTANKO, INTERCARGO. InterManager. International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) and International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF), World Shipping Council (WSC) etc. seeking the support of Governments and national authorities to facilitate crew changes, operations essential to maintain the global cargo supply chains and operations related to humanitarian aid, medical and relief flights.
- 4. Also, IMO-ICAO-ILO dated 26.05.2020 vide circular letter No.4204/Add.18 have given a joint statement on facilitation of crew changes in ports and airports in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 5. To facilitate and regulate crew sign-off for foreign seafarers on board the vessels making port of calls to Indian ports in a safe manner, the Directorate hereby prescribes the following Standard Operating Procedure / Protocol (SOP) for repatriation of foreign seafarers from Indian ports for compliance by all stakeholders;

- Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for sign-off by foreign national seafarers at Indian ports
- 1. Ensure DGS Order 12 of 2020 dated 22.04.2020 is complied with as applicable.
- 2. Ship owner / Recruitment & Placement Services (RPS) to ensure that the validity of visa issued 2 to foreign seafarer is adequate for their stay in India till they board International flights for travel outside India.
- a) However, instances have come to notice that the ship-owner / Recruitment and Processing Services (RPS) would not be in a position to ensure the validity of the travel documents and visa of the crew on board in respect of the vessels which are already in the sea. Hence, possibilities of crew arriving on the strength of expired passports and visas cannot be ruled out.
- b) The crew already on board without a visa cannot obtain a sticker visa from Indian Mission and therefore, the other option is to issue them e-visa online. Issue of e-visas is currently kept in abeyance. However, they would be issued with TLP for one month on the basis of valid passport facilitating their travel outside India.
- 3. In case the validity of Indian visa and / passport is less than three months from date of sign-off then all necessary efforts shall be made by the ship owner / RPS agency for renewal of passport and / visa through local embassies.
- 4. The foreign seafarers with expired Indian visa may be allowed to sign-off on the basis of issuance of TLP by local Immigration officer but subject to valid passport and valid Seaman's Identity document.
- a) TLP with validity of up to 1 (one) month and a onetime fee of USD 40 may be given by Immigration Officer, keeping in view the requirement of the seafarer.

- b) As per the Visa Manual, a seafarer on board of a merchant vessel can be signed off on the strength of gratis TLP for a maximum of seven days or till the return journey of the crew member to his home state, whichever is less.
- c) A special provision has been made to issue them TLPs for up to 1 (one) month after payment of one-time fees of USD 40.
- 5. The master of a vessel, before arrival at its port of call, shall ascertain the state of health of each person on board the vessel and submit the Maritime Declaration of Health to the health authorities of the port and to the port authorities. In addition, the information required by the local health authorities of the port, like temperature chart, individual health declaration, etc. shall also be provided by the master as per the directives of the health authorities of the port. Port health authorities shall grant pratique to the vessel prior to berthing as per necessary health protocols.
- 6. Seafarer to wear necessary PPE (masks, hand gloves) on arrival.
- 7. All the luggage and personal effects of the foreign seafarers has to be disinfected at the time of disembarkation.
- 8. Seafarer will be cleared by Immigration authority at the nearest immigration center and custom authorities for luggage clearances etc. after arrival at the port.
- 9. Seafarer arriving on a vessel would undergo the COVID-19 test to confirm that he/she is negative of COVID-19. After disembarking and till the time the seafarer reaches the testing -3- facility, the shipowner / RPS shall ensure that all safety precautions as per standard health protocol are observed.
- 10. Till the time test reports are received, the seafarer shall be kept under quarantine facility approved by the Port / State Health Authorities.
- 11. The seafarer tested as "positive" for COVID-I9 will be dealt with as per the procedures laid down by MoHFW, Govt. of India.

- 12.Till such time international flights / VBM flights / chartered flights / connecting flights are available for the desired location / country, ship owner / RPS agency to arrange for boarding and lodging ofseafarer at a safe locationl.
- 13. Upon a seafarer tested as "negative", the Ship owner / RPS agency to ensure completion of the following processes if travelling by car:
- a. Seafarer's travel route post sign-off is to be identified;
- b. Details of the Seafarer, vehicle and driver 2 for the proposed travel to be uploaded on DGS website "e-pass for foreign seafarers link" for generation of e-pass (if needed);
- 14. Ship owner / RPS agency to download the epass and share it with local agents, seafarers and driver for the travel, if needed.
- 15. The e-pass (to and fro) will be issued for a fixed route and with specified validity and will have to be adhered to strictly.
- 16. Ship owner / RPS agency to ensure the following for taking seafarer to airport:
- a. Vehicle being used for travel is properly sanitized and PPE (masks, hand gloves) and sanitizers made available for driver and seafarer 3;
- b. Driver and seafarer to maintain social distancing requirements as per MoHFW guidelines 3;
- 17. On reaching the airport, seafarer to abide by the quarantine / isolation and health protocols as desired by airport authorities.
- 18. In addition to above, seafarer shall abide and full comply by all the concerned flag state orders pertaining to COVID-19 at all times.
- 19. This DGS order is issued with the concurrence of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Foreigners Division (Immigration Section), Govt. of India vide OM No. 2502212412020-Imm dated 17.07.2020.

Sd/-

(Amitabh Kumar)

Director General of Shipping & Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India

## Notes:

- 1. ¹Safe location is a location / place / guest house / hotel etc. where no COVID-I9 case is reported till now and has the required amenities for the upkeep of seafarers for the required number of days of isolation / boarding and lodging.
- 2. <sup>2</sup>In case of change in driver, vehicle and or both, the e-pass generated needs to be cancelled by the ship owner / RPS agency & fresh e-pass to be generated.
- 3. While applying for e-pass online in DG Shipping Egovernance portal, Ship owner / RPS agency to give declaration that vehicle is properly sanitized & PPE (masks, sanitizers etc.) in place and driver & seafarer would maintain the social distancing requirements as per MoHFW guidelines.
- 4. All necessary arrangements and facilities at ports in accordance with the guidelines of MoHFW will be made by the port authorities concerned.
- 5. The entire cost of transportation, stay and logistics etc. of seafarers will be borne by the ship owner/RPS agency.
- 6. Ship owner / RPS agency to make necessary arrangements and ensure that the signing-off foreign seafarer is in possession of valid stay and travel insurance policy as applicable'
- 7. The cost of daily subsistence allowance (including accommodation), transport, visa application/ extension assistance and cost, passport application/extension assistance and cost,

- access to medical treatment for existing morbidities or for any COVID 19 infected cases and its cost need to be borne by ship owner / RPSL agency.
- 8. Authenticity of the E-pass is verifiable online in <a href="https://www.dgshipping.gov.in">www.dgshipping.gov.in</a>
- 9. In case of any difficulty is faced en-route for signing-off, the seafarer may contact any of the following:
- a) Contact details of e-pass issuing authority as mentioned under section in "pass details"/
- b) DG Comm. center (022-22614646)
- c) Capt. (Dr.) A. Daniel J Joseph, Dy. DG [Tech. / Crew / COVID-19] (danieljohn-dgs@gov.in)
- 10. Daily record keeping form for seafarer Annexure I
- 11. The detailed process for generation of e-pass for foreign seafarers by RPS is detailed in -Annexure II.
- 12. Notwithstanding above permissions for crew change; the owners, operators, Master and signing-off crew of the vessel shall ensure that at all times they shall comply with all applicable relevant orders of Govt. of India and such permission shall not cause any danger to person, property or the environment.

Sd/-

(Amitabh Kumar)

Director General of Shipping & Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India

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F. No. 7-NT(72)/2014 Date: 22.07.2020

## Amendment to DGS Order No. 12 of 2020 Subject: Amendment to Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) / Protocol for repatriation of Indian seafarers from Indian ports and anchorages- reg.

- 1. The Ministry of Home Affairs', Govt. of India vide Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 21.04.2020 by Sub-Clause (iii) under Clause 17 had included the movement of persons to allow sign-on and sign-off of Indian seafarers at Indian ports and their movement for the aforesaid purpose as per the Standard Operating Procedures / Protocols (SOP). The SOP has also noted that DG (Shipping) will prescribe the detailed protocol with regard to sign-on and sign-off to be followed.
- 2. Accordingly, the Directorate had issued DGS Order No. 12 of 2020 dated 22.04.2020 prescribing the Standard Operating Procedures / Protocols (SOP) for controlled crew change of Indian seafarers at Indian ports and also Addendum No. 1 to DGS Order No. 12 of 2020 dated 06.05.2020 for controlled crew change at anchorages within port limits to facilitate and regulate crew change for seafarers so that the safe environment on the ship is not compromised or no contamination is brought from ship to shore.
- 3. Whereas, in the said DGS Order para 5(2)(7) has prescribed that seafarer arriving on a vessel from any foreign port within 14 days of departure from foreign port shall be kept in **quarantine for a total of 14 days** from the date of departure from the last foreign port at a facility approved by the Port or State authority. On completion of 14 days, he shall undergo a COVID-19 test to confirm 'negative' test.
- 4. Whereas, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Govt. of India has issued guidelines dated 25.05.2020 for International arrivals, wherein para (i) states that travellers arriving would undergo mandatory quarantine for 14 days 07 days paid institutional quarantine at their own cost, followed by 07 days isolation at home with self-monitoring of health. Also, para (ii) mentions that only for exceptional and compelling reasons

- such as cases of human distress, pregnancy, death in family, serious illness and parent(s) accompanied by children below 10 years, as assessed by the receiving states, home quarantine may be permitted for 14 days and use of Aarogya Setu app shall be mandatory in such cases.
- 5. In view of the foregoing paragraph, the Directorate prescribes amendments to the DGS Order 12 of 2020 and to its addendums clarifying the following:
- a) The seafarers arriving on a vessel from any foreign port shall be kept in institutional quarantine. for a total of 07 days. The period of 07 days of institutional quarantine shall include the period spend onboard ship from the date of departure from the last port of call. The quarantine facilities shall be approved by the Port or State authority.
- b) The period of stay on board a ship from last port of call shall be treated as period spent on quarantine, only if the health records of all the seafarers are properly maintained and no crew member of the ship has been tested COVID-19 'positive'.
- c) On completion of 07 days, the seafarer shall undergo a COVID- I9 test to confirm 'negative' and be allowed to be followed by 07 days isolation at home with self-monitoring of health.
- d) For the crew tested as COVID-I9'positive', the standard protocols as prescribed by MoHFW, Govt. of India of COVID-19 patients shall apply.

Sd/(Amitabh Kumar)
Director General of Shipping &
Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India

## DG Shipping "Seafarers Grievance Redressal Mechanism"

- 1. Possible means of receipt of "Seafarers Grievances" may be by following means:
  - a. DGS Online grievance portal
  - b. Email
  - c. Twitter
  - d. Hard copy (letter)
  - e. Social media (as Whatsapp etc.)
- 2. On receipt of grievance by other means than the "Online grievance portal" such as other means as Emails, Tweet, Hard copy (letter) and Social media etc., the concerned seafarer who has raised grievance by other means may be advised by email or call by DG Shipping Official / Shipping Master to raise the grievance through the "DGS Online grievance portal" for quick and easy disposal of case online.
- 3. Step by step process guide for raising online grievance:
- a) Login to E-Governance system by using User Id and Password provided by DG Shipping for other modules (www.dgshipping.gov.in E-Governance)
- b) Go to the link --> "Grievance Redressal Mechanism"
- c) Enter relevant details (\*marks details are compulsory)

- d) Select Company Name
- e) Select the option "type" of grievance
- f) Fill up all relevant details and 'Submit'
- g) Upon submission of data, system would display "Reference No." and same application would be sent to the concerned "Shipping Master"
- h) The concerned "Shipping Master" would examine the matter within two (02) working days and provide necessary solutions
- Grievances would be processed and seafarer would be queried back within two (02) working days with details or closure details would be communicated online
- j) Seafarer can "view" the status of grievance by clicking "view" status
- k) If queried back requesting further details, the same may be provided by the seafarer
- I) If grievances are un-answered, you may contact the respective jurisdictional Shipping Masters by following email id after two (02) working days: sm-mum-ship@gov.in for Mumbai, sm-kol-ship@gov.in for Kolkata, sm-chn-ship@gov.in for Chennai

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F. No.20-16/1/2020	TRAINING BRANCH	Ref. QMS 7.0 IS / ISO Clause No. 7.1
-TRG-DGS Date : 29.07.2020	DGS Circular No. 28 of 2020	15 / 150 Clause No. 7.1
	(Addendum to DGS Training Circular 19 of 2020	
	dated 18 / 05 / 2020)	
	SUB: Conduct of maritime courses using	
	Virtual Classes / Live Video Sessions	

- 1. Whereas the Directorate had allowed the Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs) to conduct the theory / lecture part of the curriculum for long duration presea and competency courses through Virtual Class / Live Video Sessions (VC / LVS) vide DGS Training Circular 19 of 2020 dated 18 / 05 / 2020.
- 2. Whereas a large number of candidates have benefitted from the VC / LVS and completed the theory/lecture part of the curriculum.
- 3. Whereas the uncertainties of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic have paralyzed the completion of shore-based training of the candidates.
- 4. Whereas many pre-sea MTIs could not conduct the practical part of the curriculum of the pre-sea course.
- 5. Whereas many pre-sea MTIs could not conduct the final examination of the pre-sea course.
- 6. Whereas a large number of candidates were found to be getting opportunity to undergo shipboard training but were unable to undertake the shipboard training as the practical part of the curriculum and final examination are still pending.
- 7. In view of the above, the Director General of Shipping, Government of India has decided the following.
  - 7.1. The candidates of the following pre-sea course who could not complete their practical part of the respective curriculum and / or could not appear for final examinations shall be allowed to undergo shipboard training, as a departure from the set design of the course due to the prevailing situations, provided they have successfully attended / completed their theory / lecture part of the respective curriculum and have successfully completed five basic safety courses as mandated by STCW code Part A Chapter VI.

- 7.1.1 . BE / B-Tech in Marine Engineering final year candidates.
- 7.1.2. B. Sc. (Nautical Science) final year candidates.
- 7.1.3. Diploma in Nautical Science (DNS), final Semester.
- 7.1.4. Graduate Marine Engineering (CME).
- 7.1.5. Electro-Technical Officer.
  - 7.2. The candidates mentioned in para 7.1 above shall be required to successfully complete their practical part of the curriculum successfully pass the final examination prior to applying for any Certificate of Competency examination. In other words, the eligibility criteria for any Certificate of Competency shall remain as it is. The candidates mentioned above shall be allowed to complete their shipboard training prior to completing required practicals which are part of their shorebased training. However, MTIs through VC/LVS shall ensure that their students acquire the deeper knowledge and understanding of the theoretical concepts / techniques and also guide the students on the safety precautions that are to be observed while undergoing shipboard training.
  - 7.3. The provisions mentioned in para 7.1 and para 7.2 shall be applicable only till the time the training in Maritime Training Institutes is resumed after normalcy.
- 8. This Training Circular comes in to force with immediate effect and shall be in force till the time further order is issued by the Directorate in this regard.
- 9. The MTI shall confirm in respect of each student of having completed the theory part of the course fully by issuance of a confirmation letter in the format prescribed in Annexure-1. Only those students

having confirmation letter will be allowed for shipboard training.

10. The remaining part of the course of practical training shall be completed at the MTI after completion of relevant Ship-board training requirements in accordance with DGS Training Circular 19 of 2020. The MTIs will be responsible for course completion including practical training and examination after shipboard training once the

candidate is ashore and should not link it with the arrival of all the candidates of the concerned institute from that batch.

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

Sd/[Dr. Pandurang Raut]
Deputy Director General of Shipping (Trg.)

# Government of India Ministry of Communications Department of Telecommunications Wireless Planning and Coordination Wing

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Date: 07 / 07 / 2020

No. P-14040/04/2019-CoP

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## Subject: Extension of validity of GMDSS-GOC licences in view of COVID-19 outbreak

Due to the impact of COVID-19 and restrictions imposed by the Government, it has been decided to extend the validity of GMDSS-GOC licenses that are expiring between 1st March 2020 to 31st December 2020 (both dates inclusive), till 31st December 2021.

- 2. The above measures has been given only for the purpose of allowing the GMDSS-GOC license holders either with existing expired or expiring certificates to join ships but not for issuance of new GMDSS-GOC license.
- 3. The renewal of GMDSS-GOC licenses are also being done as per the existing procedure and

practice in respective office of WPC Wing and RLOs. Hence, whenever the renewal of the expired certificate is to be carried out, the eligibility, the license fees and late fees will be applicable from the date of expiry of the license, as printed on it.

- 4. No application is required to be made for the aforesaid interim extension.
- 5. All concerned are required to visit the website of Department of Telecommunications (www.dot.gov.in) for further updates/information.

Sd/-(Davender Singh Rawat) Engineer (CoP)

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## Rajasthan Merchant Navy Officers Association, Jaipur (Regd.) and

# The Maritime Union of India hold a Webinar 'MUI in Rajasthan'

## **Guests from MUI:**

- 1) Mr. Amar Singh Thakur (General Secretary)
- 2) Mr. Ashok Talwar
- 3) Ms. Saleha Zubair Shaikh (Head MUI Woman Wing)

## Hosts from RMNOA:

- 1) Capt. Rajesh Arora (President)
- 2) Capt. Rajeev Kaushik (Vice-President)

## Attendees:

RMNOA members and known persons from merchant navy fraternity

## Report

An interesting interactive webinar, first of its kind was organized by team RMNOA with MUI **18-Sept-2020** for the benefit of RMNOA members. The members participated enthusiastically and gathered important information about MUI, its membership process, membership benefits, MUI convalescence homes, Maritime Floating Staff Welfare Trust etc.

The speakers patiently answered all questions put up by members and clarified their doubts. The webinar started with introduction of the guests and RMNOA President Capt. Rajesh Arora by Capt. Rajeev Kaushik, followed by introduction of MUI to the members by Mr. Ashok Talwar, explanation of MUI membership benefits by Mr. Amar Singh Thakur and presentation of work done by MUI Women's Wing by Ms. Saleha Zubair Shaikh.

It was interesting to note the work done by MUI for the welfare of its members. MUI Women's Wing is doing a commendable job under the leadership of Ms. Saleha Shaikh and same was appreciated by all members.

## A brief summary of questions put up by RMNOA members and their answers by MUI

Q: How does MUI help its members in sign off during this period of pandemic and worldwide travel restrictions (Capt. Rajeev Kaushik)

A: MUI is arranging chartered flights from various parts of the world for the benefit of Indian seafarers. Same can be availed by the shipping companies for crew change.

Q: The passports of some of the members are stuck in various embassies due to the pandemic. How can MUI help the members (Capt. Pratap Singh)

A: Members can write an e-mail to MUI with all the details at mail@maritimeunionofindia.com. MUI will take up the matter with the concerned embassies

and DG Shipping to help the members.

Q: The medical claims from Maritime Floating Staff Welfare Trust are being delayed for many members. Where should members write for information regarding their medical claim?

A: Members should write to the maritime floating staff welfare trust at mail@mfswt.com. There has been some delay in settlement of medical claims due to the present pandemic and lockdown. The same is being taken up on priority by MFSWT. All claims should be submitted to MFSWT within 3 months. If members still face issue, they can write to MUI and the union will take up the case with MFSWT.

Q: There have been instances where relievers have boarded the vessel; however the seafarer is not able to sign off. In such cases the seafarer is paid only basis wages. How can MUI help in this matter? (Capt. Jitendra Sharma)

A: MUI has taken up the matter with RPSL companies and the payment of basic wages is due to its efforts as the companies were reluctant to pay any wages for stuck seafarers due to lack of interest of vessel owners in taking this extra burden. We should understand the present situation and cooperate with ship owners who are also facing losses during this pandemic for the benefit of Indian seafarers and retain jobs for Indian seafarers.

Q: Any plans to come up with a guest house or convalescence home in Jaipur? (Capt. Sher Singh Shekhawat)

A: MUI will positively look into the matter. If RMNOA wants to have its guest house or convalescence home in Jaipur, same can be associated with MUI. Similarly MUI will look into the possibility of making a guest house or convalescence home on its own in Jaipur for the benefit of all MUI members.

Q: Is MUI membership open to only serving members or retired members can also obtain the membership benefits? (Capt. Randhir Singh)

A: Presently MUI membership is open to serving members only.

Q: Is there any plan for benefits being extended to retired members? (Capt. Neeraj Singh Tanwar)

A: MUI is working on PF and gratuity for its members working on foreign flag vessels too. Will share the details as and when further progress is made on the subject.

Q: Due to the present pandemic, crew change is very difficult. Is MUI taking up the matter with relevant authorities for tax exemption for seafarers who are not able to complete their NRI period due to inability to join ships? (Mr. Kamlesh Gehlot)

A: MUI is already in talks with relevant authorities and will let the members know when further progress is made in this matter.

Q: There have been instances where a seafarer is member of MUI, however his medical claim is rejected by MFSWT as the seafarer joins a company which is not contributing its share to MUI. How can MUI help in this matter? (Capt. Jitendra Singh)

A: MUI and MFSWT are two different identities. MUI provides medical benefits to its members through MFSWT. Medical benefits are available to only those members who are working for standard and reliable companies making their contribution to MUI. Members should be careful while joining 'fly by night operators' as there are high chances of fraud if they join such companies. Members should always keep a copy of their contract with their families and send one copy by e-mail or post it to MUI so that MUI can help the members if they are in any kind of problem while on board.

Q: Is MUI providing any legal assistance to the master of Wakashiko? (Capt. Randhir Singh)

A: MUI is in constant touch with the master of Wakashiko and his family. The legal experts from MUI are in touch with the master's lawyers in Mauritius. Also MUI is taking up the matter with the government.

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mentioning your name, MUI Membership Number, date and amount of transaction, your name and MUI membership number. Alongwith these details, a Snapshot or Image of the transaction receipt from your bank can also be included.



# The Nautical Institute (UK) presents Certificate of Appreciation to MUI Womens' Wing

On 12th September, 2020, the renowned Nautical Institute (NI), UK alongwith the NI India SW branch, organised an online event to felicitate International Seafarers' Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN), and MUI Women's wing with a Certificate of Appreciation for their hard work towards the welfare of the seafarers and their families particularly during the pandemic.

Capt. Vinod Naveen, AFNI, Secretary NI India - SW welcomed the speakers, participants, office bearers, Trustees and members of ISWAN, MUI, NUSI, Seafarers Association, Nautical Institute and the members who were attending the event. He spoke about the role of ships in the world economy and the contribution of the seafarers who shoulder the responsibility of delivering essential goods across the globe. This was the ninth event organised by Nautical Institute (NI) to appreciate people working during the pandemic around the globe. In the past few weeks, the NI has felicitated the Director General of Shipping, Shri Amitabh Kumar; Ex Chairperson, NSB, Dr Malini Shankar; CMD SCI, Mrs HK Joshi; FOSMA, MASSA; MSC; Synergy Ship Management, Fleet Management, Anglo Eastern, V Ships. He said the Nautical Institute holds programmes for the development of the Seafarers.

Capt. Sardar Kandathil, President, KMNOA spoke about the efforts taken by all the seafarers across the globe who have worked during this pandemic and taken our economy forward.

Ms Jillian C Jackson FNI, President NI London was very appreciative of the advancement in technology that made it possible for everyone to connect on a single platform. Ms Jillian said the Nautical Institute with its 7000 members and branches across the globeworks at local level to keep the industry moving. She also spoke about the dark events faced by the maritime industry during this pandemic and the efforts that have been taken to support the seafarers. She gave the certificate to Ms Saleha Shaikh, MUI – Women's Wing and highlighted about her contribution especially during the times of the pandemic for women seafarers and families of seafarers.

Capt. John Lloyd, CEO, NI London thanked everyone for taking out time to be a part of the event. He spoke about the need for collecting resources and information from everyone and everywhere and making it available on the website so that it helps everyone during the pandemic. He said a special portion on the website was dedicated only for information related to covid 19. Capt John highlighted the initiatives and support mechanisms created for the seafarers. Elaborating on how the organization was focused on professional develop- ment he said web based trainings being conducted weekly and the webinars being held are attended by hundreds of people.

Mr. Roger Harris, Executive Director, ISWAN expressed gratitude for the honour, recognition and appreciation extended to ISWAN. He appreciated the

passionate team at ISWAN that worked hard for the welfare of the seafarers. Using slide she informed about ISWAN's activities, their partnerships and programs. He spoke about the program named 'Seafarer Help' that helps seafarers keep a check on their physical and mental wellbeing. Their team that handles the program has an availability of 10 languages which makes it comfortable for seafarers from different nationalities. In 6 months they have dealt with over 4000 cases involving over 24,000 seafarers. They also have a 24 hour helpline for the seafarers and their families.

Mr. Chirag Bahri, Director of Regions, ISWAN spoke about their regional programs and how their team with limited people on board during the pandemic worked round the clock and also the ones who worked remotely just to keep the industry going. He spoke about members from FOSMA, MASSA, Maritime Union of India (MUI), and other welfare organizations etc that were involved with ISWAN with primary objective of bettering the life of seafarers.

Ms. Saleha Shaikh, MUI - Womens Wing thanked the MUI general secretary Mr. Amar Singh Thakur for trusting her without which this event could not have been possible. She shared how the Women's Wing was initiated with the vision to create a support system for seafarers and their families. She shared that the vision of MUI-WW is that Healthy and happy families make Happy Seafarers . Being a seafarer's wife herself she realised the need for a platform where families can share and discuss their problems and that is what gave rise to MUI Women's Wing. She went on to share a video about the journey of the MUI Women's Wing. The video highlighted about the activities of the Women's Wing since its inception in January 2018. Some of the events that were held by the MUI women's wing involved workshops on Personal Development. Cancer awareness, Emotional Intelligence, workshops and seminars for Women Empowerment . The video had visuals of pan India gatherings of the MUI before the lock down. She also spoke about the virtual workshops that have been held during the lock down for the spouses of seafarers and the 24 hour helpline that has been set up for the women seafarers as well as the families of all the Seafarers.

Ms Saleha informed how the Women's wing has been in direct contact with expectant wives of Seafarers and following up on their progress, offering all kind of support. She also mentioned that the Women's wing has been in constant contact with women seafarers

onboard to check on their mental health and wellbeing during the Covid Pandemic. She explained how the Women's wing has through its network of Pan India groups and members helped to address many problems of families of Seafarers. She thanked the Team at Nautical Institute for the honour bestowed through the Certificate of Appreciation and mentioned that such appreciation only encourages to work better for the Seafarer Community.

Mr. Abdulgani Y Serang, General Secretary, NUSI, highlighted about MPHRP which started in the year 2011. Mr. Abdulgani spoke about how Mr M.P. Pinto and Mr. Deepak Shetty former Director General of Shipping had contributed to ISWAN during the pandemic.

While praising ISWAN for their sincere and selfless contribution to the maritime industry he wished ISWAN and their team good luck.

Speaking about the contribution of ISWAN Mr. Amar Singh Thakur, General Secretary, MUI thanked the Nautical Institute for appreciating ISWAN and MUI-Women's Wing . He said seafarers are true key workers and corona Warriors during this pandemic. He thanked Ms Saleha Shaikh for her work for Women Seafarers families of Officers during the pandemic. He appreciated ship owners like MASSA and FOSMA that helped in crew change during the pandemic. He highlighted the plight of seafarers facing issues of crew change, sign on & off at international ports. He highlighted the fact that India was the first country to start crew changes, and that the Director General of Shipping had been very proactive in facilitating the same.

Mr. Andy Winbow, Chair of ISWAN - Ex. Asst. Secretary General of IMO, highlighted the challenges faced by ISWAN and actions taken by them during the pandemic. He credited Roger and the ISWAN team that have worked locally for successfully facing the challenges. He thanked trustees of ISWAN for joining the event.

Mr. Michael Pinto said the motive of ISWAN was to continuously render services to the maritime industry.

Mr. Deepak Shetty spoke about how ISWAN has been connected to the stakeholders. He asserted that the ISWAN team at London, India and Nigeria has been very supportive. He congratulated Ms. Saleha Shaikh for getting awarded the Certificate of Appreciation.

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## DGS Order No. 28 of 2020

## Subject: Re-Opening of Maritime Training Institutes for Practical Training under Controlled Conditions

The Government of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Directorate General of Health Services (EMR Division) has issued SOP dated 08.09.2020 enabling safe resumption of teaching/training activities in skill or entrepreneurship training institutions, higher educational institutions conducting doctoral courses and post graduate studies in technical & professional programs requiring laboratory / experimental work. As far as skill or entrepreneurship training is concerned the same shall be permitted in national skill training institutes, industrial training institutes, short term training centres registered with National Skill Development Corporation or state skill Development Missions or other Ministries of Government of India or State Government, National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD), Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), and their training providers.

Taking all the above into cognizance, the Directorate has now decided to permit operation of post and presea MTI based on a Risk assessment and Mitigation methodology detailed in "Standard Operating Procedures on Phase-wise unlocking of Training Activities at MTI to enable safe resumption of Training/Teaching activities, attached as an annexure to this Order.

All Pre-Sea MTI can start conduct of practical training after compliance with necessary conditions detailed in attached SoP for post Sea MTI, while Post-Sea can start preparation for opening of MTI in accordance with

SOP for Post Sea MTI for conduct of practical/simulator training pending issuance of Addendum to DGS order 20 of 2020 with necessary modifications.

Date: 01.10.2020

Recognizing that the Gol has not permitted use of swimming pools, those part of all STCW courses, which require a candidate to enter inside water are not permitted, and after satisfactory completion Three-Tier Mechanism of Training comprising of E-Leaming, virtual Classes/Live Video Sessions/ Remaining Practical at MTI and Exit exam, a candidate shall be issued course completion certificate valid for 18-months pending completion of remaining practical after opening of Swimming Pools after which the provisional certificate will be made a regular certificate for full period.

Recognizing the risk of visit to a Hospital mandatorily required for completion of Medicare Course, all Candidates after satisfactory completion Three-Tier Mechanism of Training comprising of E-Learning, Virtual Classes/Live Video Sessions/ Remaining Practical at MTI and Exit exam shall be issued course completion certificate valid for I8-months pending visit to Hospital after risk is reduced, after which the provisional certificate will be regular certificate for full period.

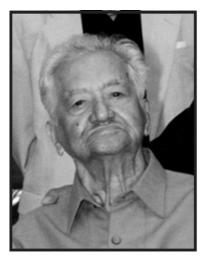
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Director General of Shipping

## Crew changes in all major and non-major ports in India for all Indian Ports as on 16.07.2020

SN	I. Name of the ports	Sign-on	Sign-off	SN. Name of the ports	Sign-on	Sign-off
1	JawaharlalNehruPortTrust(JNPT)	522	541	12 Paradip Port	63	82
2	Mumbai Port	1845	11360	13 Haldia Port	42	52
3	Chennai Port	150	163	14 Beypore Port	6	7
4	Kamarajar Port (Ennore)	99	115	15 Kollam Port	7	19
5	V.O. Chidambarnar Port Trust			16 Gujarat Maritime Board	829	984
	(Tuticorin)	244	260	17 Andhra Pradesh Minor Ports	523	957
6	Deendayal Port Trust			18 Maharashtra Maritime Board		
	(Ex. Kandla Port Trust)	310	315		0	0
7	Cochin Port	2887	3154	19 Tamilnadu Ports	0	0
8	New Mangalore Port Trust	131	169	20 Karnataka Maritime Board	0	0
	Visakhapatnam Port Trust	318	358	21 Karwar Port	0	0
	Mormugoa Port	18	45	Total	7994	18581
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## **CAPTAIN T.E.M. ROZARIO**

## Last surviving stalwart of The Maritime Union of India is no more



CAPTAIN T.E.M. ROZARIO was the last surviving founding members of The Maritime Union of India, which was originally known as "The Indian Merchant Navy Officer's Association".

He was 102 years old and residing in Pune.

He was one of rare breed of Officers, who dared to not only realise the importance of having a Union, but devoted physical and mental energies towards one singular goal — The formation of a Union to ensure justice and fair work conditions for Indian Seafarers. All this under British rule which followed discriminatory and divisive practices for Indian merchant marine seafarers. Those were the days when Indian Seafarers were openly discriminated against. Wages were never the same as paid to British Seafarers for the same work on board. There was no way one could raise a voice

against the unfair treatment. Formation of a Union was the ultimate protest.

In such a situation, Captain T.E.M. Rozario, who had obtained his foreign-going Masters' Certificate and was working for Scindia Company and was also Vice-President of our Union, started working for the Union on a full time basis, getting paid about one-third of what they could have at sea. In October 1947 established Calcutta Office of MUI, which exist and functions till today as our Branch Office.

He had the privilege to be working alongwith Shri N.M. Joshi, Kum. Maniben Kara who were Presidents, alongwith Shri V.B. Karnik-veteran trade union leader and Capt. D. Mungat who were General Secretaries of our Union.

The Maritime Union of India would like to extend its condolence to his family and that this Union is very indebted to his contribution and we will carry on with the torch ignited by Capt. Rozario and continue to serve Indian Seafarers.

We pray to almighty to grant his Soul Eternal Peace and that his Spirit continues to guide us always.

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Covid 19 has become a pandemic, there is so much being said, discussed and instructed. Many countries are on lockdown and others on total vigilance. Dos and Donts are being shared, some are acting responsibly; others are as callous as they can be. In this part of the world we are being extremely cautions, the happenings around the globe have affected every individual. Though we need to be logical and go with statistics; somewhere we also need to introspect, look for hope and optimism. After all that's what we can also do and attract the right things; isn't it? There's no need for us to stop living, every generation has faced such adversities and we aren't immune to it but what we learn from it makes all the difference. I have penned my thoughts in a poem, it may resonate with many of your thoughts.

## **Nature is Giving You Another Chance**

The recent happenings be it the global warming Or the outbreaks turning to pandemics
The banks closing, markets crashing
'He' is teaching us to value what we have
But we continue creating groups on
Political ideology, religion, caste, creed, wealth
Forgetting our core of being –humans

This decade has seen so much devastation
In all its ferocity
But we cease to learn the lessons
We fight each of them calling it our victory over odds
Naming it the fighting spirit!
Spirit my foot, people don't have the choice!

The greed has surpassed every limit Nature is getting stronger too Giving us hints after hints But we are only working on one up-manship!

Every 'happening' is an insight for us
Nature in its true form is free spirited, powerful
It waits for none- no man, no time, no tide!
Lesson to take —
You are only a minuscule in the universe
Insignificant, just a particle
Why carry the load of your greed, your ego?

Living for the 'Image' and not holistically Each has created a social persona That may or may not be the real you! How long can you be someone you are not? Be you and be proud of you!

Wealth that you created by sacrifices Gets locked with no access to you Or it's gone with the wind! Time is wealth, share it - building relations With your family, the loved ones! Unrest created with ulterior motives
You are being used only as a pawn
You fight another fellow being and
Let these self centered politicians win
Use logic don't go by what you are sold
All are equal, diversity is the key
Nature is distinctive and everything it has is unique
Who are we to create separations?

When people are quarantined It's time for them to spend time with themselves Ponder deep inside, knowing self and others around Find out what matters to you and what not Ask questions, delve into their answers

Work from Home gives time for you
To see yourself in multitudes of roles
You are playing all of them at the same time
Be with your children waning them off gadgets
Spend time with them and not calling it 'quality'
Something we named our guilt!

There are disruptions
But something we can be Grateful for
The lessons it has left behind
Take care of self, your body is your temple
Value your relations they are your true wealth
Find time for dear ones
Fulfill your needs, don't feed your greed
Respect all fellow beings
Let the world be a sanctum for 'Universal Brotherhood'

Something to ponder about; Make use of this 'chance' As you may not get another!
How long can we test it's patience
Nature has behaved mother to us all
And mother gives up too; this is our wake up call.

~Laxmi Todiwan

## Seafarer's Wife - Navigating Career and Motherhood

As a mother of two school going boys, I believe that the biggest challenge that the working women face today is navigating career opportunities while exercising motherhood. Though the economic, social and political freedom for the Indian women is the highest that has ever been, career women still need to set priorities. Working mothers can either excel in their careers or motherhood, but rarely both. Enabling a mother to take up from where she left while being a part of the workforce should be a given. Career breaks to focus on family life still eludes many proficient women. There is no onesize-fits-all answer, but the experiences of other women can shed some light and help the lady in question manage her choices better. For a seafarer's wife there is another dimension that needs to be considered; she is on her own when the spouse is out at sea. If she is a mother then she mostly ends up being a single parent for the large part of the year. It requires her to balance a lot more than just her career and motherhood. Home and family are a part of her priorities.

The 21st century work places should take it upon them to extend the basic rights - political and social freedom as well as economic opportunities to women within their organisations. International Women's Day was celebrated on 8th March and this year's theme was, 'Each for Equal'. An equal world is an enabled world. How can one help forge a gender equal world should be something that the policy makers must ask themselves. Some ways are by means of celebrating women's achievements, helping raise awareness against bias and taking action for equality. IWD is celebrated in almost all organisations around the world and many activities are carried out. That week we highlight the most pressing issues and speak about concerns affecting women's lives. But they are brushed under the carpet soon after the euphoria settles. Let's ensure that the celebration gives way to meaningful decisions taken by organisations and women in turn empowering themselves.

## Concerns of a working mother

General concerns that working mothers have to deal with are the kinds that women around the world face. I have friends who had children soon after completing

their education and before building their careers. I also have friends who focused on their careers first and then decided on not having children as it didn't work out. And then I have friends who are in the happy medium like me; having a decent career and raising children. The key for the 'happy medium' being working on a reduced schedule and not have a very demanding or high pressure job. It's important for a seafarer's wife to do something that's meaningful to her and that makes her follow her passion; being a happy homemaker can be one of them.

It's all about having hopes and priorities and learning to work with what one has; if things aren't quite going his or her way. Family and career are not mutually exclusive. One can have both and with the right balance. It's not about 'having it all', but about finding joy in what one has. A person can have the best-laid plans, but in the end, it's your ability to ride the wave and adjust to external factors that will determine your success. Women who are trying to balance career and motherhood can take a few pages from the lives of all those who have 'been there and done that'. Though every person and every situation is unique, we pick up inspirations and lessons from others. It is said that when one door closes, many others open. When situation weakens or tears you, there is a strong will power and confidence that builds inside which says, 'I can manage it.' Can't say we can manage it all to our likings but we can maneuver our lives beautifully and without much stress.

## Need for a supportive environment

It's a whole support system starting with the spouse, supportive in laws, parents, siblings, and good caretakers at home! Also one needs to set clear priorities such as reduced mobile time and more of face to face talks everyday with the child, sharing responsibility, seeking support from others are some factors that have helped many career women balancing their responsibilities of being a mother as well as the home front. A career mom needs to first embrace the change and be determined; without being stubborn though! She also needs to map out by focusing on one area at a time. The results are not the same for everyone so one needs to accept the self with new set of challenges and perceptions.

In most of the women centric forums, the topic of discussion often is career women who have taken a break to bring up their children wanting to get back to doing things that they were once very passionate about. Messages that are generally shared are seeking counseling. Mentorship Programs are built to address such concerns from women. The forums can partner with organisations, publications, CSR and women empowerment initiatives. There is a need to strengthen such communities. I urge all stakeholders to join hands in creating a more sustainable approach that working mothers or women in general can benefit from. MUI-WW is

shaping up to be such a platform for the member ladies. Counselling, guidance and mentorship is available and there is a synergy among the ladies. It's the right beginning that will have a great impact on women empowerment which in turn will help create happy individuals and happy families.

Laxmi Todiwan is a Professor, Corporate Trainer and Founder of Indian Women in Hospitality. She is married to Master Mariner Capt. Rajesh Todiwan and is a mother of two young boys. She is a celebrated blogger and a columnist and writes regularly for hospitality journals and international websites.

## For Information of Indian Officers who have worked on board Hong Kong flagged ships covered by HK-CBA

The Hong Kong flagged seafarers unions had set up a scholarship fund to encourage both the ship owners and seafarers in professional training. All officers who had worked on board Hong Kong flagged ship covered by HKCBA are entitled to be reimburshed part of their tranining expenses including examination fees subject to the decision of the Trust Committee.

Application shall be submitted either to the Secretariat of the Trust or to our office (Hong Kong Seamen's Union).

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## **REMEMBER:**

- THE RENEWAL DATE so that you may remit your annual premium at least one month before the due date
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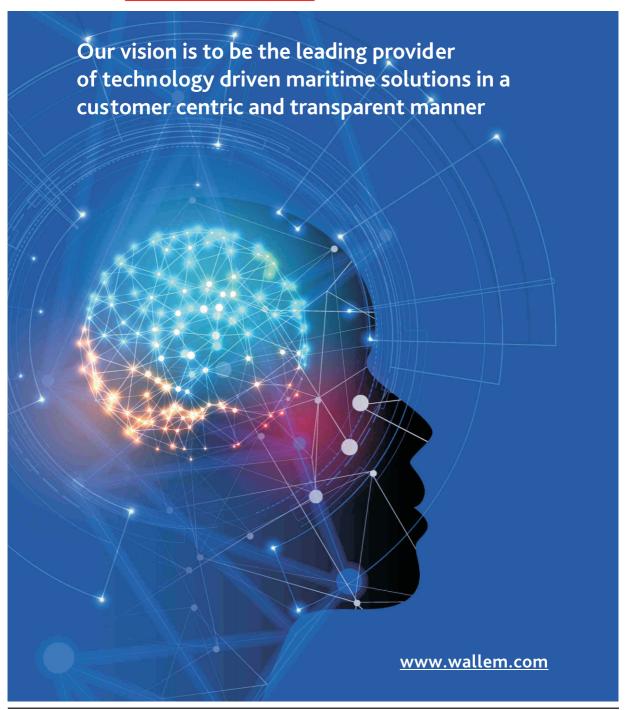
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