



Guiding Spirit to Shipping Industry

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No ship registry in the world has upper age limit on a vessel- Shipping industry takes up with Director General of Shipping on DG order 06/2023

Welcome move from the Directorate shipping office to call upon the Stake Holders to discuss & review the DG order on vessel age norms, the meeting was held on 02nd August 2023.

The shipping Industry represented by leading associations IMF, ICSSA, INSA, and CMMI met DG of Shipping and team to take the view on the Age Norms and other Qualitative Parameters for Registration. It was a constructive meeting, appreciated by the stakeholders.

IMF Being represented by Ms. Aishwarya Pilankar VC (IMF), Capt Raj Sinha and Capt Sudhir Subhedar, concerns on the DGS Order 06 of 2023 were Initiated by International Maritime Federation (IMF) immediately on the passing of the order & circulating it to Industry & stakeholders.

The Conference was earlier

held on 5th May 2023 where all the concerned parties and associations met and the **agenda of disagreement on the upper age of the vessel to be deregistered was set and discussed for the first time in the presence of the majority of stakeholders including representatives of Shipping association & federations, Ship Owners/ Operators and Seafarers Unions.**

Detailed and very precise presentation with statistics to support, prove and explain, why the Age Cannot be accepted as the criteria for the vessels to be De- Registered was clearly stated in the meeting. Notable, the fraternity audience clearly saw the numerous independent reports, PSC Inspection analysis, DNV class report of detention, and a few other reports.

Majority of Stakeholders, ship owners, and Unions expressed their views on the revision of DGS order 6 of 2023.

Managing the vessel and keeping the vessel in good operating condition have nothing to do with the age of the vessel. Well-managed

and maintained older ships have been doing much better in terms of safety and protection of the marine environment and importantly the said order would result in a Loss of Revenue to all the parties and is threatening the entry level of aspiring entrepreneurs in India.

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IMF Ms Aishwarya & Mr Sinha felicitating DGS Shri ShyamJi



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While Representatives from almost all the stakes were present their views were also noted and allowed to be put forward in the public forum. Where the fact that a large part of the Shipping Industry does not approve of the Age criteria for the De-Registration of the vessels in India.

Approx. 10000 Loss of Jobs and much more lives of the Seafarers and the ship companies, operators getting affected due to such orders need to be taken into consideration:

- **The need of the Hour being more tonnage and better safety and quality operators from top to bottom is the key**
 - **To develop its very young and unsupportive finance sector for Shipping in particular, which could give the fillip to a lot more owners/operators**
- Time and again this Subject was repeatedly**

put forward to the Ministry of Shipping as well as DG Shipping Office for Reviewing/ Cancelling the order by email correspondence, dated 23rd May 2023, 29th June 2023, and even after the CORRIGENDUM-1 email sent on 19th July 2023.

“We are Thankful to the DG Shipping office for having called upon us to put forward the concerns and having a constructive meeting. Almost all the representatives of the stakeholders present were of the similar opinion that the order pertaining to Age to be the criteria for the vessel De-Registration to be canceled while Qualitative Norms, Rules, and Policies should be the criteria for the ship operating,” expressed by IMF.

IMF also raised concerns in the meeting with DG of Shipping as to what and

why was such order passed without a full hearing from the representatives of Indian ship owners and operators> “We could see that almost all the Representatives had the same stand in the meeting as the IMF had stated at the first Instant, which clearly proves that they were not heard enough before such order being passed”, addressed by IMF.

IMF also suggested the representatives from Seafarer’s Unions be a part of such a committee to put forward Seafarer’s viewpoints as a loss of Jobs, is required to be part of the study too.

It was concluded in the meeting with the DG of Shipping that a third-party committee to study and review the order along with a team of representatives from the Stake holder’s association and federation, was further advised and agreed by all at the meeting.

MARINE NEWS

Six Russian Ports declared War Zone by Ukraine

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As many as Six Russian Ports in the Black Sea have been declared war zone with Moscow and Kiev intensifying attack on Port targets during the last few days

Ukraine has announced a war risk area in the waters of Russian ports on the Black Sea.

The message specifies that the water areas in question are the internal and external roadsteads of the Ports of Anapa, Novorossiysk, Gelendzhik, Tuapse, Sochi and Taman.

Ship owners should take into account the high risk of the ship entering Russian ports and the violation of sanctions compliance due to port calls to Russian ports.

7 Major ports in Russia



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