



Technical Circular

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To Whomsoever it may concern

Subject: Acceptance of DOC in lieu of DDOC for Indian ships operating as River Sea Vessels or Coastal Vessels

In accordance with DGS Order 18 of 2013 for Indian River Sea Vessels (RSVs) and DGS Order 01 of 2014 for Indian Coastal Vessels (CVs), a Company operating RSV Type 3, RSV Type 4 and/or CV of 500 GT and above is required to comply with the provisions of Domestic Safety Management Code and have a valid Domestic Document of Compliance (DDOC) for the relevant ship type.

The Directorate General of Shipping has issued Engineering Circular No. 03 of 2015, dated 02/06/2015, regarding acceptance of DOC in lieu of DDOC for Indian ships operating as RSVs or CVs.

The said circular clarifies that, a Company having a valid DOC for the relevant ship type, issued by the Directorate General of Shipping, can also operate RSVs and/or CVs. These Companies are not required to have a separate DDOC.

To maintain the DOC, Company shall continue to operate ship/s of the relevant type, certified under the provisions of ISM Code. The Directorate during every annual and renewal audit shall verify that the Company has operated relevant ship type, certified under the provisions of the ISM Code, for at least three months during the period.

In case the Company cannot demonstrate compliance with the above requirement and wants to operate RSV / CVs only, the DOC has to be surrendered and DDOC for the relevant ship type obtained from the Directorate.

Enclosure:

- 1) Engineering Circular No. 03 of 2015, dated 02/06/2015.



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Sub: Acceptance of Document of Compliance (DOC) in lieu of Domestic Document of Compliance (DDOC) for ships operating under survey & certification as River-Sea Vessels (RSV) / Indian Coastal Vessels (CV)

The Directorate General of Shipping has notified DGS Order 18 of 2013 dated 31st July, 2013 for River-Sea Vessels (RSV) and DGS Order 01 of 2014 dated 04th March, 2014 for Indian Coastal Vessels (CV) to improve the Indian coastal trade and shipping.

As per the aforesaid notification the Type-3 & Type-4 River-Sea Vessels and Indian Coastal Vessels of 500 GT and above are required to comply with the provisions of the Domestic Safety Management Code (DSM Code) as prescribed in said notifications. Also, the owners/managers of such vessels are required to have Domestic Document of Compliance (DDOC) to operate such vessels under their management.


The Directorate has been receiving numerous queries from various stake holders viz. Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Recognized Organizations (ROs) etc. regarding acceptance of Document of Compliance (DOC) in lieu of Domestic Document of Compliance (DDOC) to River-Sea Vessels and Indian Coastal Vessels.

Considering the above, the following clarification is being issued:

1. A company having valid DOC for relevant ship type issued by the Directorate General of Shipping can assume responsibility for operation of Type 3, Type 4 River-Sea Vessels and Indian Coastal Vessels, without separately going for DSM code certification
2. The Audit requirements for DOC certificate will be as per Merchant Shipping (Management for the Safe Operation of the Ships) Rules, 2000, as amended.

3. Audit requirements for River-Sea Vessels and Indian Coastal Vessels under DSM Code would be as per DGS Order 18 of 2013 dated 31st July, 2013 for River Sea Vessels (RSV) and DGS Order 01 of 2014 dated 04th March, 2014 for Indian Coastal Vessels (CV).
4. However, the DOC holders who are operating vessels as per 1 above, need to demonstrate at least three months of safety management implementation on each ship type covered under their DOC during every annual and renewal DOC verification. In case, above cannot be demonstrated and the company wants to operate only River-Sea Vessel / Indian Coastal Vessels then DOC needs to be surrendered and a DDOC for the relevant category needs to be obtained.

This is issued with the approval of the competent authority and comes into effect from the date of issue of this circular.



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2. The Surveyor-in-charge, Mercantile Marine Department, Goa/Jamnagar/Port Blair /Visakhapatnam /Tuticorin /Delhi /Haldia/ Paradip /Mangalore.
3. All Recognised Organizations.
4. Indian National Ship-owners' Association (INSA), Mumbai.
5. ICC Shipping Association (ICCSA), Mumbai
6. CS/NA/CSS/Jt.D-G.
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