



Technical Circular

No.: 026/2021

Date: 17th May 2021

Subject: DGS Order No. 19 of 2021 Reg Extension of the validity of Continuous Discharge Certificate (CDC) in view of COVID-19 outbreak.

1. In view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Indian Administration vide DGS Order No. 19 of 2021 has advised that the validity of Continuous Discharge Certificate (CDC) , expiry date of which is falling during 1st July 2021 to 31st March 2022 (both dates inclusive) **is extended for a further period of 6 (six) months.**
2. There would be no requirement for any endorsement in the respective CDCs for the above mentioned relaxation. However, once the above situation becomes normal, seafarers are required to apply for revalidation of such CDCs as per prevailing procedure and such CDCs will be revalidated for further period by the Shipping Masters from the date of expiry printed in the CDCs.
3. Ship owners/ operators and masters of Indian flagged ships are advised to be guided by above.
4. **This Technical Circular supersedes and revokes earlier Technical Circular No. 053/2020, dated 15 April 2020.**

Enclosure:

1. DGS Order No. 19 of 2021, dated 06 May 2021.

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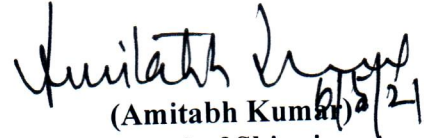
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DGS Order No. 19 of 2021

Subject: Extension of validity of Continuous Discharge Certificate (CDC) – Reg.

The Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai vide its Order No. 10 of 2020 dated 13.04.2020 and vide Order No. 10 of 2021 dated 23.02.2021 had extended the validity of Continuous Discharge Certificate (CDC), which were due to expire during the period from 01.02.2020 to 01.10.2020 and 02.10.2020 to 30.06.2021 respectively, for a period of 06 months.

2. With the second wave of COVID 19 spreading to almost the entire nation representations have been received from the Industry requesting for further extension of the validity of CDCs as there are many Indian Seafarers still serving on board ships beyond their contractual period due to the difficulties for crew change at Various ports during the COVID 19 pandemic. Further, the industry has represented that the seafarers are finding it difficult to renew the CDCs as there is limitation on the training institute to conduct practical for refresher training during the pandemic.
3. In view of the above, it is decided to extend the validity of CDCs, the expiry date of which is falling during 01.07.2021 to 31.03.2022 (both dates inclusive), for a further period of 06 months.
4. There would be no requirement for any endorsement in the respective CDCs for the above said relaxation. However, once the said situation become normal, seafarers shall apply for revalidation of such CDCs as per prevailing procedure and such CDCs shall be revalidated for further period by the Shipping Masters form the date of expiry printed in the CDCs.


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