



# Technical Circular

No.: 031/2022

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## **Subject: GOI – Reg. COVID 19 instructions issued by Directorate General of Shipping.**

1. In view of the significant decline in the COVID 19 cases across the country, Indian Administration vide DGS Order No.13 of 2022, dated 01<sup>st</sup> April 2022, has informed regarding withdrawal of all COVID 19 related directives and SOPs issued by the Directorate General of Shipping with immediate effect.
2. However, the Administration has advised stakeholders to continue to comply with Ministry of Health & Family welfare (MoHFW) and IMO advisories on COVID containment measures including on the use of face mask, hand hygiene, and such other measures.
3. All passengers above 12 years of age may continue to carry vaccination certificates or negative RTPCR report. Minimum facilities to isolate Coronavirus patients on board and their immediate evacuation may continue to be maintained.
4. Further, in view of the nature of the pandemic and possibilities of resurgence, the Administration has cautioned all stakeholder to remain vigilant in the matter and implement appropriate measures proactively whenever required to prevent resurgence of the pandemic in accordance with MoHFW, Central/State Government directives.
5. Owners/Operators, Masters of Indian flagged ships are advised to be guided by above.

### **Enclosure:**

1. DGS Order 13 of 2022, dated 01<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

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**DGS Order 13 of 2022**

**Sub.: COVID 19 instructions issued by Directorate General of Shipping – reg.**

This Directorate had issued several instructions, SOP and orders to deal with the COVID 19 pandemic on board Indian vessels including cruise vessels seafarers and vessels calling Indian ports.

2. In view of the significant decline in the COVID 19 cases across the country, the Ministry of Home affairs has issued order no. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 25.02.2022 to implement risk assessment-based approach on the opening of economic activities.

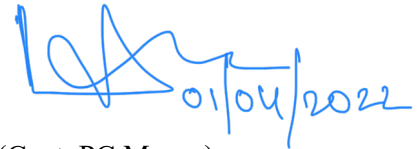
3. Further, Ministry of Home Affairs has also issued DO letter 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 22.03.2022 to all Chief Secretaries of States indicating that considering the overall improvement in the situation and preparedness of the Government to deal with the pandemic, the National Disaster Management Authority has taken a decision that there may not be any further need to invoke the provisions of the Disaster Management Act for COVID containment measures after 31.03.2022.

4. In view of the foregoing, it has been decided that all COVID 19 related directives and SOPs issued by the Directorate General of Shipping is withdrawn with immediate effect. All stakeholders are however required to continue to comply with Ministry of Health & Family welfare (MoHFW) and IMO advisories on COVID containment measures including on the use

of face mask, hand hygiene, and such other measures. Further, all passengers above 12 years of age may continue to carry vaccination certificates or negative RTPCR report. Minimum facilities to isolate Coronavirus patients on board and their immediate evacuation may continue to be maintained.

5. Further, in view of the nature of the pandemic and possibilities of resurgence, all stakeholder are cautioned to remain vigilant in the matter and implement appropriate measures proactively whenever required to prevent resurgence of the pandemic in accordance with MoHFW, Central/State Government directives.

6. This issues with the approval of Director General of Shipping and Additional Secretary to the Government of India. This Order comes into force with immediate effect.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'PC Meena', with the date '01/04/2022' written next to it.

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