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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

Merchant Shipping Notice 09 of 2025

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Subject: Addendum-II to MS Notice No. 08 of 2023 and MS Notice No. 10 of 2024 – Amendments to the Procedure for Approval, Empanelment, Renewal, and Tenure of Medical Examiners of Seafarers under Rule 4 of the MS Medical Examination Rules.

1. Whereas the Directorate General of Shipping, in exercise of its statutory mandate under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 and allied regulations, had issued Merchant Shipping Notice No. 10 of 2024 prescribing the eligibility criteria, procedural framework, and regulatory conditions for the empanelment and continued recognition of Approved Medical Examiners of seafarers.

2. And Whereas, subsequent to the issuance of the aforesaid Notice, the Directorate has received representations from various stakeholders, including medical practitioners, maritime training institutions, and shipping industry bodies, highlighting some practical challenges and seeking certain clarifications and relaxations.

3. And Whereas, after due examination of the representations received and upon careful consideration in Directorate, it has been deemed expedient, in the interest of regulatory clarity and facilitation of services, to amend certain provisions of the said Notice.

4. Now therefore, in partial modification of MS Notice No. 08 of 2023 and MS Notice No. 10 of 2024, the following amendments shall be deemed to have effect from the date of issuance of this Addendum:

I. Amendment to Clause 5 (c) of MS Notice 08 of 2023:

Existing Provision: Doctor should have testing laboratory approved by NABL/NABH or they may have tie up with NABL/ NABH laboratory only.

Amended Provision: Doctor should have testing laboratory approved by NABL or NABH or certified under ISO 15189:2022 or they may have tie up with NABL or NABH or ISO 15189:2022 laboratory only.

II. Amendment to Clause b1(c) of MS Notice 10 of 2024:

Existing Provision: The number of approved medical examiners in any clinic or hospital shall be limited to a maximum of two (2).

Amended Provision: The number of Approved Medical Examiners permitted to operate within any single clinic or hospital shall be limited to a maximum of three (3). In exceptional circumstances, where operational exigencies so warrant, the Owner, Administrator, or duly authorised representative of the said clinic or hospital may submit a formal written application to the Maritime Health Branch of the Directorate General of Shipping, seeking prior approval for the appointment of additional Medical Examiners beyond the prescribed limit. The grant of such approval shall be based on demand of the industry subject to meeting additional requirements if any imposed by the Directorate.

5. Save as expressly amended herein, all other provisions of MS Notice 08 of 2023 and Merchant Shipping Notice No. 10 of 2024 shall remain unaltered and shall continue to have full force and effect.

6. This Addendum is issued with the approval of the Director General of Shipping

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