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DGS Order 17 of 2026

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Subject : Implementation of The Hong Kong International Convention for The Safe And Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009 on Indian Flag Vessels and Type Approval/ certification of the equipment/material/appliances manufactured in India for use on board ships - reg.

A. Introduction and Background:

1. Whereas DGS Order No. 6 of 2013 dated 18th March 2013 was issued prescribing comprehensive procedural requirement for the statutory surveys, certification and associated services in respect of Indian Flag ships by the Recognized Organizations (ROs).
2. Whereas, Para 2.1 of the Annexure to DGS Order No.6 of 2013 specifies the international conventions covered under the Order for statutory certification and related services to be carried out by the Recognised Organisations (ROs), thereby authorising all ROs-recognised by the Government of India to undertake statutory surveys of Indian flag ships under the applicable international conventions.
3. Whereas, Para 6.2 of the Annexure to DGS Order No.6 of 2013 stipulates that the certification of the equipment, material, and appliances manufactured in India, regarding their compliance with the applicable national and international instruments for use on board ships, shall be undertaken exclusively by the Indian Register of shipping (IRS) on behalf of the GOI. The IRS may also carry out the necessary verification and trials, including those for navigational, fire-fighting, life-saving, lights and sound signal, communication and other safety or pollution prevention equipment, material, and appliances.
4. Whereas, the Government of India has notified the Recycling of Ships Act, 2019 on 16 December 2019, the Recycling of Ships Rules, 2021 on 26 February 2021 and the Recycling of Ships Regulations, 2026 on 02 January 2026, to provide the legal and regulatory framework for the safe and environmentally sound recycling of ships in India.

5. Whereas, The Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009 (HKC, 2009) which has been ratified by India, entered into force internationally on 26th June 2025, and establishes mandatory requirements relating to the safe and environmentally sound recycling of ships, including surveys, certification, maintenance of the Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM), and associated compliance obligations.
6. Whereas, the Government of India's Maritime Vision documents have set ambitious targets for the growth of the domestic shipbuilding sector, including achieving a position among the top 10 shipbuilding nations globally under the Maritime India Vision 2030 and among the top 5 shipbuilding nations under the Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047.
7. Whereas, the Government of India has, through various policy initiatives and incentive schemes, accorded priority to the development of the shipbuilding, ship repair, and marine equipment manufacturing sectors, with a view to promoting the "Make in India" initiative, enhancing indigenous capabilities, strengthening maritime self-reliance, and positioning India as a leading global hub for shipbuilding and marine component manufacturing, in alignment with the objectives of the Maritime India Vision 2030 and the Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047.
8. Whereas, in order to promote and facilitate the manufacture of marine products, equipment, materials, and appliances in India, and to ensure that the requisite inspections, testing, approvals, and certifications are carried out in a timely and efficient manner, the Directorate has received representations from various stakeholders seeking authorization for all Recognized Organizations (ROs) recognized by the Government of India to undertake such inspections, type approvals, verifications, testing, and certification activities, in addition to the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS), in accordance with the applicable national and international requirements.

B. Objectives:

9. The objective of this Order is to -
 - a. Ensure uniform and effective implementation of the Recycling of Ships Act, 2019, the Recycling of Ships Rules, 2021 and the Recycling of Ships Regulations, 2026 as applicable to Indian flag vessels in accordance with the provisions of the Hong Kong International Convention for The Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009 through the Recognised Organisations (ROs) authorised by the Govt. of India.



b. Promote and facilitate the manufacture of marine products, equipment, materials, and appliances in India by enabling the timely conduct of inspections, testing, verifications, approvals, and certifications in accordance with applicable national and international standards, thereby supporting the objectives of the "Make in India" initiative and the growth of the indigenous maritime manufacturing sector.

C. Survey and Certification of vessels for HKC , 2009 compliance -

10. Whereas, Paragraph 2.1 of the Annexure to DGS Order No. 6 of 2013 authorizes any Recognized Organization (RO) recognized by the Government of India to undertake surveys and certification of Indian-flagged vessels under the international conventions specified therein and further provides for the extension of such authorization to any other convention as may be notified by the Director- General of Shipping.

11. Now, therefore, the Director-General of Shipping, after careful consideration of the representations and requests received from various stakeholders, and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 9 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025, read with Government of India Notification No. S.O. 3316(E) dated 26.12.2014, hereby authorizes all Recognized Organizations (ROs) recognized by the Government of India to carry out surveys, audits, inspections, verification, certification, and related statutory functions in respect of Indian-flagged vessels under the provisions of the Recycling of Ships Act, 2019, the Recycling of Ships Rules, 2021, and the Recycling of Ships Regulations, 2026, in accordance with the requirements of the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009 (HKC, 2009).

12. The Recognized Organizations (ROs) shall remit to the Central Government/Administration such administrative fee in respect of the issuance, endorsement, renewal, or amendment of certificates and other statutory documents issued under the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009 (HKC, 2009), in accordance with the provisions of DGS Merchant Shipping Notice No. 09 of 2012 dated 21st March 2012 or any subsequent amendments as notified thereof.

D. Type Approval/Certification of Equipment, Materials and Appliances Manufactured in India:

13. Whereas, Paragraphs 6.2 and 6.3 of the Annexure to DGS Order No. 6 of 2013 provide that the certification of equipment, materials and appliances manufactured in India, with respect to their compliance with the applicable national and international requirements for use on board ships, shall be undertaken by the Indian Register of Shipping (IRS) on behalf of the Government of India and that a register of such approved manufacturers and products shall be maintained.

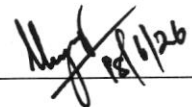
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14. Now, therefore, the Director-General of Shipping, after careful consideration of the representations received from various stakeholders and with a view to promoting and facilitating the manufacture of products, equipment, materials and appliances in India for marine use, and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 9 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025, read with Government of India Notification No. S.O.3316(E) dated 26.12.2014, hereby authorizes the following Recognized Organizations (ROs) recognized by the Government of India to undertake, on behalf of the Government of India, the inspection, testing, verification, type approval and certification of equipment, materials and appliances manufactured in India for use on board ships in accordance with the applicable national and international requirements. Such ROs may also carry out the necessary examinations, verifications, tests and trials, including those relating to navigational equipment, fire-fighting equipment, life-saving appliances, lights and sound signalling equipment, communication equipment, and other safety or pollution prevention equipment, materials and appliances:

- i. Indian Register of Shipping (IRS)
- ii. Lloyd's Register Group Limited (LR)
- iii. Bureau Veritas SA (BV)
- iv. American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)
- v. Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (NKK)
- vi. Korean Register (KR)
- vii. RINA Services S.p.A. (RINA)
- viii. DNV AS (DNV)

15. All ROs specified in Paragraph 14 shall maintain and publish on their respective websites an updated list of manufacturers, products and equipment approved on behalf of the Government of India, together with details of the approvals granted, including their scope, validity and status. The same shall also be uploaded and updated in the e-Samudra system of the Directorate General of Shipping on a quarterly basis or at such intervals as may be specified by the Directorate from time to time.

16. The Principal Officer of the Mercantile Marine Department (MMD) having jurisdiction over the manufacturing facility shall be responsible for monitoring the effective implementation of the applicable statutory provisions and quality standards by the concerned RO. For this purpose, the Principal Officer may undertake periodic, special or surprise inspections of such facilities, which shall be at least twice in 5 years, with the intervals between two such inspections not being less than two years and forward reports, observations and recommendations to the Directorate General of Shipping as appropriate.

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17. Any Type Approval or Certification issued by an authorized RO on behalf of the Government of India under this Order shall be accepted for installation on Indian-flagged vessels and on vessels constructed in India or elsewhere, subject to compliance with the applicable statutory, classification society and Flag State requirements of the vessel concerned. Nothing contained in this Order shall preclude a manufacturer from obtaining additional type approvals, certifications or product approvals from one or more Recognized Organizations authorized by the Government of India for commercial, export, contractual, client-specific or market-access purposes.

18. Where any RO, manufacturer, shipyard, shipowner, operator, surveyor, classification society or any other stakeholder becomes aware that a Type Approval or Certification issued by an authorized RO on behalf of the Government of India does not comply with the applicable Flag State, statutory, convention, classification society, IACS or other relevant technical requirements relating to design, construction, materials, testing or performance standards, the matter shall be reported forthwith to the Directorate General of Shipping for examination and appropriate action.



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cum Addl. Secretary to the Govt. of India.

To,

1. The Principal Officer/ Mercantile Marine Department, Mumbai/Kolkata/ Chennai/ Kandla/Kochi.
2. The Surveyor-in-charge, Mercantile Marine Department, Goa/Jamnagar/Port Blair /Visakhapatnam /Tuticorin /Noida /Haldia/ Paradip /Mangalore.
3. All Recognized Organizations.
4. Indian National Ship-owners' Association (INSA), Mumbai.
5. CS/NA (I/C)/CSS (I/C)
6. Hindi Cell with request to provide Hindi translation.
7. Computer Cell with request to upload on DGS website