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DGMA Advisory on Precautionary Measures for the Safety and Security of Indian Seafarers in view of the Heightened Security Situation in the Gulf Region

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1. The safety, security and welfare of Indian seafarers, and the security of ships, remain central to the mandate of the Directorate General of Maritime Administration. Recent incidents involving attacks on merchant vessels, have highlighted the increasing risks faced by seafarers and commercial ships operating in the conflict-affected area.
2. In view of the current security situation in the Persian Gulf region, including incidents resulting in casualties among Indian seafarers and continuing attacks on merchant vessels during the ongoing conflict, the Directorate considers it necessary to adopt enhanced precautionary measures to safeguard Indian seafarers serving on board ships operating in the region.
3. Accordingly, the following precautionary measures shall be complied with:

a. Heightened Security Vigilance

Masters of vessels operating in the Persian Gulf, the Strait of Hormuz and adjoining waters shall maintain a heightened level of security vigilance, continuously monitor navigational warnings, security advisories and updates issued by the competent authorities, and implement all applicable Ship Security Measures, Ship Security Plans (SSP) and Company Security Procedures in accordance with the ISPS Code.

b. Deployment of Indian Seafarers

Ship Owners, Ship Managers and Recruitment and Placement Services Licence (RPSL), engaging or deploying Indian seafarers on board vessels intending to undertake voyages through the Strait of Hormuz (SoH) shall exercise adequate precaution and ensure the following :

- i. The DGComm Centre should be kept informed of the transit through SoH.
- ii. Consent from individual Indian seafarer shall be obtained for such voyages.

c. For any emergency assistance, seafarers and vessels shall immediately contact the following:

Emergency Contact	Email	Contact Number(s)
1.DG Communication Centre)	dgcommcentre-dgs@nic.in	WhatsApp/Call: +91 86575 49760 Alternate: +91 22 22613606, +91 86575 49752
2. IFC-IOR (Information Fusion Centre – Indian Ocean Region)	ifc-ior.gurugram@navy.gov.in	+91 124 2208385

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