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पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
समुद्रीय प्रशासन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, MUMBAI

Date: 09-11-2026

NOTICE

Subject:- Reporting of Vessels of Safety Concern in Ports and Indian Waters, including Abandoned, Detained, Arrested, Immobilised and Other Non-operational Vessels – Submission of Consolidated Information by All Major Ports and Other Port Authorities – reg.

1. The Directorate General of Maritime Administration (DGMA), in continuation of its ongoing endeavours towards promoting the safety, security and welfare of seafarers and safe, secure and environmentally sound maritime operations in Indian waters, considers it necessary to maintain an updated picture of vessels that are abandoned, detained, arrested, immobilised, disabled, laid-up, stranded, grounded, drifting, unmanned or otherwise unable to operate safely. Depending on their condition, location, cargo and circumstances, such vessels may affect the safety of persons on board and port personnel, safe navigation and movement of other vessels, port infrastructure and continuity of port operations, maritime security, and the protection of the marine environment.

2. Accordingly, DGMA seeks to maintain a consolidated record of such vessels, as well as any other vessels which, by reason of their condition, location or circumstances, may have a bearing on the safety or security of persons, safe navigation, port operations, port infrastructure or the marine environment. The reporting is required irrespective of whether seafarers or other persons remain on board and whether the vessel has been formally declared abandoned.

3. All Major Ports and other Port Authorities are therefore requested to furnish information in respect of such vessels within their respective jurisdictions or areas of control, including port limits, berths, anchorages and port approaches, in the consolidated vessel-wise format at Annexure-I. The reporting shall cover abandoned or suspected abandoned vessels; vessels detained by Port State Control or any other statutory authority; vessels arrested or otherwise restrained pursuant to a court order or legal process; vessels immobilised, disabled, laid-up, stranded, grounded, drifting, unmanned or otherwise non-operational; and any other vessel presenting, or having the potential to present, a concern to persons, safe navigation, port operations, infrastructure, security or the marine environment.

4. The information shall, as available, include the particulars and present location of each vessel; its status and the reason and date from which such status has continued; details of the shipowner, operator, manager and agent; the number and broad particulars of persons on board; any seafarer-welfare concern; the vessel's operational condition, cargo and bunkers; any concern affecting navigation, port operations, infrastructure, security or the marine environment; and the action taken

and present status. In cases of detention or arrest, the authority and reference of the relevant order may also be indicated. Information not available may be marked as “Not Known”.

5. Port Authorities are requested to indicate the action taken by them, or reported by the concerned agency, to address the relevant vessel-related or seafarer-related concerns, together with the present status and any assistance or coordination required from DGMA or other competent authorities. Submission of information under this Circular shall be without prejudice to any order of a court or direction of a competent statutory authority and shall not be construed as requiring any action inconsistent with such order or direction.

6. The consolidated information in Annexure-I shall be submitted to this Directorate within 15 days from the date of issuance of this Circular. Any fresh case involving a vessel falling within the categories mentioned above, particularly one involving an immediate or potential concern to life, port safety, navigation, port operations, infrastructure, security or the marine environment, shall be reported to DGMA immediately. Material developments in ongoing cases shall also be reported promptly, and updated information shall be furnished periodically until the matter is resolved or the vessel ceases to fall within the scope of this Circular. Port Authorities shall also submit a NIL report where no such vessel or case exists within their respective jurisdictions.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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To,
1. All Major Port Authorities Of India
2. All Minor Ports of India
3. All State Maritime Boards

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ANNEXURE – I

CONSOLIDATED VESSEL-WISE RETURN

VESSELS OF SAFETY CONCERN IN PORTS AND INDIAN WATERS

Port / Port Authority		**Reporting officer / designation**	
Date of submission		**Official email ID / contact number**	
Type of report	☐ Initial ☐ Updated ☐ NIL	**Port reference, if any**	

VESSEL-WISE DETAILS *(Enter one vessel per row. Add rows as required; a separate form for each vessel is not required.)*

Sl. No.	VESSEL PARTICULARS Name, IMO / Official No., type and flag	LOCATION & STATUS Present location; status / reason; since when; detention / arrest authority and order reference, if any	OWNER / MANAGEMENT DETAILS Shipowner, operator, manager, agent and contact; RPSL / manning agency, where applicable	PERSONS ON BOARD / WELFARE Number on board (crew / others; Indian / foreign); any welfare issue such as wages, provisions, medical aid or repatriation	SAFETY / PORT / ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN Operational condition / defects; cargo and bunkers, if relevant; effect on navigation, port operations, infrastructure, security or pollution	ACTION / PRESENT STATUS / SUPPORT REQUIRED Action taken; agencies informed; present position; assistance or coordination required from DGMA / other authority
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NOTES:

1. This is a consolidated return for the Port Authority. One row shall be used for each vessel, irrespective of whether persons are on board. Additional rows may be inserted or a continuation sheet in the same format may be attached where required.
2. Furnish information to the extent available. Where a detail is not available or not applicable, indicate “Not Known” or “Not Applicable”. The absence of a seafarer complaint or the absence of persons on board shall not by itself exclude a vessel from reporting where it otherwise falls within the scope of the Circular.
3. Where a specific abandonment or seafarer-welfare case requires further particulars, a brief crew-wise statement / supporting note may be enclosed separately. Routine submission of individual CDC / passport details for every vessel is not required in this consolidated return.
4. In a NIL report, complete the reporting-authority details above and indicate “NIL” under type of report; vessel-wise rows need not be filled.