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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

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**Subject : Independent Evaluation of the Indian Maritime
Administration for compliance of STCW and MSC.1/CIRC.1449**

1. Introduction :

1.1 This is to state that India being party to STCW convention has to carry out independent evaluation as per Regulation I/8. In accordance with STCW regulation I/7, paragraph 3, India had communicated their report of independent evaluation pursuant to regulation I/8, paragraph 3, demonstrated that they were continuing to give full and complete effect to the relevant provisions of the 1978 STCW Convention in the year 2019 and subsequent to report evaluation by the IMO, India was placed in white list in accordance with MSC.1/Circ.1164/Rev.27. Now the Independent evaluation is due in the year 2024 for India.

1.2 "Independent Evaluation" by a competent agency is an essential part of the STCW Convention requirements, to decide on the continuance of the member state concerned in the STCW White List of the IMO. Regulation I/8 of the STCW Convention 1978, as amended, requires that each Party shall ensure that an evaluation is periodically undertaken and that a report containing the results of the evaluation shall be communicated to the IMO Secretary-General.

1.3 The Independent Evaluation has to be carried out by an organization/Institution who are exclusively domain experts in STCW Convention and carry out as per IMO MSC.1/Circ 1449 which is a guidance on the preparation, reporting and review of independent evaluations and steps taken to implement mandatory amendments required by regulation I/7 of the STCW Convention. These agency are considered as specialized agency who undertake a specific task where other institutions/organizations may not be able to carry out.

1.4 Accordingly, the Directorate General of Shipping has engaged Lloyd's Register to carry out an independent evaluation of STCW (Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping for Seafarers) compliance across India. This initiative is in line with the Directorate's commitment to ensuring that all Maritime Training Institutes (MTIs) adhere to the highest standards of maritime training, as mandated by the STCW Convention and relevant DGS guidelines.

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2. Compliance by MTIs :

2.1 As part of this process, Lloyd's Register may select any approved MTI for inspection. The evaluation will include a thorough audit of the MTIs' compliance with the STCW Convention and the DGS guidelines. The first round of audits is scheduled to commence in the first fortnight of September 2024.

2.2 Accordingly, all MTIs are advised to ensure that all necessary documentation, facilities, and training procedures are in place and readily accessible for inspection. MTIs must inform the Directorate of their readiness for the upcoming audits by Lloyd's Register. Any institute selected for audit will be required to fully cooperate with the inspection team to facilitate a comprehensive evaluation.

2.3 All approved MTIs are hereby requested to submit a compliance report to the Directorate confirming that they are adhering to the guidelines issued by the Directorate and are in full compliance with the STCW Convention. The compliance report should detail the implementation of the prescribed training standards, assessment methods, and any measures taken to ensure continuous compliance with the STCW requirements.

3. Action Required:

3.1 In view of the above, all MTIs are requested to;

- (i) Ensure that they are fully prepared for potential audits by Lloyd's Register starting in September 2024.
- (ii) Confirm their readiness for audit to the Directorate at the earliest opportunity
- (iii) Submit their compliance reports to the Directorate by **10th September, 2024.**

4. For any further information or clarification, please contact the Directorate's office.

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