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To
All Stakeholders concerned
(through DGS website)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sub.: Pre- Legislative Consultations with Stakeholders on Draft Rules under Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 and Coastal Shipping Act, 2025

In order to implement the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 & Coastal Shipping Act, 2025 in an effective and efficient manner, a rule framework under the two Acts is necessary.

2. Rules under various provisions of the Acts have been drafted. The drafts of rules are placed on the website, for inviting the comments/suggestions from all stakeholders concerned, before final notification.

3. The rules seek to create a facilitation framework to boost Indian tonnage, welfare, training & certification of seafarers, strengthening maritime safety & security, prevention of pollution, and ease of survey, audit & certification.

4. The rules further seeks to provide a framework for maritime liabilities under international conventions, marine emergency response, wreck & salvage, framework for sailing, fishing and other vessels, provisions for procedure for appeals and miscellaneous matters. The rules are intended to be simpler, reduce overall compliance burden and thereby promote Ease of Doing Business (EoDB).

5. The **comments/suggestions may be sent from 12.12.25 to 11.01.26** on the e-mail IDs indicated against each of the rules in the format (in MS Word form); placed at Annexure- I.


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Annexure- I

FORMAT FOR ON PROVIDING WRITTEN INPUTS/COMMENTS/ SUGGESTIONS ON DRAFT RULES

(*Stakeholders to fill in only the columns I-VII as highlighted in grey)

Name of Rule:

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI
S. No.	Rule Number	Name of Stakeholder	Inputs	Rationale	Source for inputs, if any (e.g. Convention / <u>Global Best Practices reference(s)/ existing rules</u>)	Draft language of rule, if any	Response of Nodal Officer (Accepted/Not accepted/Partially Accepted)	Rationale for response	Whether change in draft language has been made in the draft rules (Yes or No)	Draft Language of rule, as amended (in red and bold)

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