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नौवहन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

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Date: 13.3.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE
DGS Circular No.15 of 2026

Subject: Issues faced in export shipments through sea routes in view of the evolving situation in the Middle East – reg.

The evolving geopolitical situation in the Middle East has led to certain disruptions and operational uncertainties in maritime trade routes, which are impacting export shipments through sea routes from India. Exporters and other stakeholders have reported concerns relating to logistics, routing of vessels, increased transit time, higher freight rates and associated operational challenges affecting the smooth movement of export cargo.

2. The matter has brought to the notice by the exporters and various associations viz. FIEO, AMTOI, CSLA, FFFAI, BCBA, INSA etc. highlighted certain operational, logistical and commercial concerns being faced in respect of export shipments through sea routes due to the evolving situation in the Middle East.
3. The issues raised by exporters have been compiled and forwarded to the concerned authorities for necessary action. To closely monitor the situation, DG Shipping has issued **DGS Circular No.14 of 2026 dated 09.03.2026**, in accordance with **Section 317 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025**. In that circular the DGS advised shipping lines and other service providers to maintain transparency in charges, refrain from predatory or non-transparent pricing practices, and ensure fair trade practices in maritime logistics.
4. Further to this, the competent authority has decided to appoint a **Single Point of Contact (SPOC)** as Nodal Officer from this Directorate for issues arising out of the prevailing geopolitical situation in the Middle East. The detail of the designated **Single Point of Contact (SPOC)** is as follows:-

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5. All exporters, importers and stakeholders may contact the SOPC for any queries or grievances. This arrangement will take effect immediately and until further orders.

Assistant Director General of Shipping

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(N.R. Raut) 13/03/2026

To,
All Federations and associations (as per mailing list)

Copy to:

- (1) Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, New Delhi
- (2) DG Shipping Secretariat
- (3) PS to Additional DGS
- (4) Publication of DG Shipping website.

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