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MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS  
नौवहन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई  
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

**F. No. 15-17011/2/2026-MSL-DGS (C.No. 39475)**

**Dated: 25.03.2026**

To  
All stakeholders Concerned  
Through DGS website)

**Public Notice**

**Sub.: Public Consultation on Notifications to be issued under Coastal Shipping Act, 2025**

The Coastal Shipping Act, 2025 has been put into force w.e.f. 15.03.26 vide notification dated 10.03.26 issued under sub-section 3 of section 1 of the said Act.

2. The Act also requires various other notifications under different sections of the Act as below:

- (i) Provision to section 2 (b): port or place including inland waters of India, as part of the coastal waters for the purposes of this Act.
- (ii) Section 8(1): National Coastal and Inland shipping Strategic Plan (within two years from 15.03.26).
- (iii) Section 10(1) & 11(1); Any other entity who can charter a foreign flag vessel.
- (iv) Section 26(1): To designate an officer for compounding the offence committed under section 15 to 20 under the Act.
- (v) Section 30 (5): To designate an officer for compounding the penalty for contraventions under section 21 to 25 under the Act.
- (vi) Section 32: Direction to name a court for trial of an offender other than already mentioned in section 32.
- (vii) Section 33(a): Electronic means for delivering a copy of document.

3. Some of these notifications may be required based on circumstances or requirements from time to time. However, notifications under section 26(1) and 30(5) are required to be notified now for proper implementation of the Act and ease of business. The draft text is placed as Annexure-I.

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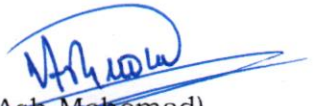
4. Stakeholders are kindly requested to send their inputs/suggestion/objections, if any, on all the points mentioned at Para 2 above by 25th April, 2026 on below e-mail ID or by post:

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Encl.: As Above.

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MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

S.O. \_\_\_\_ (E) . — In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 26 and sub-section (5) of section 30 of the Coastal Shipping Act, 2025 (20 of 2025), the Central Government hereby designate Deputy Nautical Advisor or Deputy Chief Surveyor or Deputy Chief Ship Surveyor, whoever is senior, posted in Mercantile Marine Departments as an officer competent to compound the first contravention of the provisions of the Act.

[F. No. \_\_\_\_\_]  
(Name of Signatory)