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Government of India  
Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways  
(Marine Development Section)

Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street  
New Delhi-110001  
Dated March 31, 2026

**General Order No. 2 of 2026**

**Subject: Revocation of General Orders No. 1 of 2018, 2 of 2018, and 3 of 2018**

WHEREAS General Orders No. 1 of 2026 dated 21.01.2026 was issued in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (3) of Section 407 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, revoking the following General Orders:

- i. General Order No. 1 of 2018 dated 21.05.2018.
- ii. General Order No. 2 of 2018 dated 22.05.2018.
- iii. General Order No. 3 of 2018 dated 22.06.2018.

2. AND WHEREAS, the said Order was to come into effect after a transition period of three months from the date of issuance of General Order No. 1 of 2026 dated 21.01.2026;

3. AND WHEREAS, representations have been received from stakeholders, including container liner operators' associations, highlighting operational concerns arising out of the prevailing geopolitical situation, particularly in the Persian Gulf region, affecting global shipping dynamics such as route planning, insurance costs and vessel deployment;

4. AND WHEREAS, India is emerging as a transshipment hub and global operators and shipping lines have shown commitment towards flagging container ships in India, the current uncertainties warrant consideration of a limited extension.

5. AND WHEREAS, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways after a detailed review and feedback from stakeholders, has considered a limited and time-bound extension of the implementation timeline in view of the exceptional and evolving global circumstances, to ensure operational continuity and stability in container shipping operations;

6. NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (3) of Section 407 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, the Central Government hereby orders extension of timeline for implementation of General Order No. 1 of 2026 dated 21.01.2026 by a further period of six (06) months.

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7. Nature of Extension: This extension is granted as a one-time, exceptional, temporary, and situation driven measure, necessitated by prevailing global uncertainties.
8. Validity: All other provisions of General Order No. 1 of 2026 shall remain unchanged and applicable.
9. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

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