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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, MUMBAI

F. No.: 16-18011/9/2023-SD-DGS (C. No. 22004)

Date: 15.07.2026

DGMA Circular No. 37 of 2026

Subject: Implementation of Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Notification S.O. 3690(E) dated 07.07.2026 exempting foreign vessels chartered by units established in the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) from the requirement of licence under Section 11 of the Coastal Shipping Act, 2025.

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India, vide Notification S.O. 3690(E) dated 07.07.2026, published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary), has, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 37 of the Coastal Shipping Act, 2025, exempted foreign vessels chartered by units established in the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) at Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City), Gandhinagar, Gujarat, from the requirement of obtaining a licence under Section 11 of the Coastal Shipping Act, 2025.

2. In pursuance of the aforesaid Notification, it is hereby informed that foreign vessels chartered by eligible units established in the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) at GIFT City shall not be required to obtain a Licence under Section 11 of the Coastal Shipping Act, 2025, which is applicable for chartered foreign vessels other than for coasting trade. The licencing requirements shall continue to apply for vessels engaged in coasting trade.

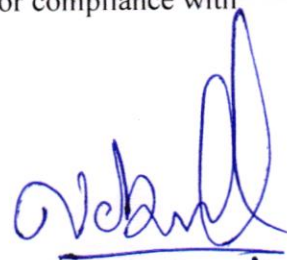
3. The exemption shall be applicable only to foreign vessels chartered by entities established as units in the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC), as defined under clause (g) of sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the International Financial Services Centres Authority Act, 2019.

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4. The exemption granted under the above Notification is limited only to the requirement of obtaining a licence under Section 11 of the Coastal Shipping Act, 2025. All other applicable provisions of the Coastal Shipping Act, 2025, the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, and other applicable statutes, rules, regulations, conventions, and directions issued by the Central Government or the Directorate General of Maritime Administration from time to time shall continue to apply.

5. All shipping companies, vessel operators, charterers, port authorities, maritime administrations, and other stakeholders are advised to take note of the above for compliance with the provisions of the aforesaid Notification.

6. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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Dy. Chief Ship Surveyor-cum-Senior Dy. Director General (Tech)

To,

1. All Major Ports and Non-Major Ports.
2. Indian Ports Association.
3. All Shipping Companies/Ship Owners' Associations.
4. INSA.
5. FOSMA.
6. MASSA.
7. Maritime Boards of all Coastal States/UTs.
8. IFSCA, GIFT City, Gandhinagar.
9. All Mercantile Marine Departments.
10. NIC, DGS – for uploading on the DGS website.
11. Guard File.

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आदेश

नई दिल्ली, 7 जुलाई, 2026

का.आ. 3690 (अ).— तटीय पोत परिवहन अधिनियम, 2025 (2025 का 20) की धारा 37 के अनुसरण में, केंद्र सरकार एतद्वारा गुजरात अंतर्राष्ट्रीय वित्त टेक-सिटी (जीआईएफटी), गांधीनगर, गुजरात स्थित अंतर्राष्ट्रीय वित्तीय सेवा केन्द्र में स्थापित किसी इकाई द्वारा चार्टर पर लिए गए विदेशी जलयानों को उक्त अधिनियम की धारा 11 के अंतर्गत अनुज्ञाप्ति (लाइसेंस) प्राप्त करने की आवश्यकता से छूट प्रदान करती है।

स्पष्टीकरण.- इस आदेश के प्रयोजनों के लिए, "अंतर्राष्ट्रीय वित्तीय सेवा केन्द्र" से वही अभिप्रेत होगा, जो अंतर्राष्ट्रीय वित्तीय सेवा केन्द्र प्राधिकरण अधिनियम, 2019 (2019 का 50) की धारा 3 की उपधारा (1) के खंड (छ) में उसे निर्दिष्ट किया गया है।

[फा. सं. SR-20020/2/2020-ML]

मुकेश मंगल, अपर सचिव

MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

ORDER

New Delhi, the 7th July, 2026

S.O. 3690(E).— In pursuance of section 37 of the Coastal Shipping Act, 2025 (20 of 2025), the Central Government hereby exempts foreign vessels chartered by a unit set up in the International Financial Services Centre at the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT), Gandhinagar, Gujarat from the requirement of a license under section 11 of the said Act.

Explanation.— For the purposes of this order, the expression “International Financial Services Centre” shall have the meaning assigned to it in clause (g) of sub-section (1) of section 3 of the International Financial Services Centres Authority Act, 2019 (50 of 2019).

[F. No. SR-20020/2/2020-ML]
MUKESH MANGAL, Addl. Secy.