



भारत सरकार / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्रालय
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
समुद्रीय प्रशासन महानिदेशालय, मुंबई

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, MUMBAI

F. No.16-17011/5/2021-SD-DGS (C.No.13690)

Dated 20.07.2026

Addendum 03 to DGS Order 20 of 2022.

Sub: Certification of Offshore vessels, accommodation barges etc. while operating in Indian Exclusive Economic Zone-reg.

Whereas, the Directorate vide DGS Order 20 of 2022 have issued guidelines for certification and documentation requirement for vessels operating in Indian waters (i.e. Indian and foreign) certified under MODU Code.

2. Whereas, the Addendum 02 to DGS Order 20 of 2022 dated 21.06.2023 prescribed phasewise upgradation plan from 1979 MODU Code to 1989 or 2009 MODU Code for the existing drilling rigs operating in Indian waters, as well as those drilling rigs participating in the tender.

3. Whereas, the current global energy scenario remains uncertain due to geopolitical developments affecting crude supply chains and maritime routes, which requires aggressive planning and accelerated domestic hydrocarbon production and exploration operations.

4. Whereas, for doing so requires uninterrupted access to offshore drilling assets at a considerable scale and representations were received from ONGC to allow rehiring of the existing MODUs presently working in Indian waters and undergoing the upgradation as per the DGS Order.

5. Now therefore, considering the demand to cater to the energy crisis and to balance the safety requirements, the following modifications are prescribed in the timelines:-

- I. Considering the advanced stage achieved with respect to the upgradation plan, the compliance timeline for Chapter 9 (Fire Safety) and Chapter 10 (Life Saving Appliances) of MODU 1989 or above is extended till 31st December 2030. The existing rigs shall obtain the certification under 1989 MODU Code or higher by 31 December 2030. The compliance reports shall be submitted to the Directorate in a quarterly basis.
- II. The existing MODUs certified under 1979 MODU Code and currently employed in Indian waters and undergoing the upgradation as per plan, shall be allowed to be rehired through a tendering process and awarded with the work orders by 31 December 2029. The employment of Indian owned, Indian flagged rigs shall be ensured.

...2/-

6. The above is subject to ONGC maintaining high safety standards supplemented with 24x7 Offshore Supply Vessel availability and sufficient helicopters during day and night hours for any emergency assistance in the field.

(Shyam Jagannathan)
Director General of Maritime Administration

Copy to:

1. Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Ports and Waterways, Transport Bhawan, 1, Sansad Marg, New Delhi – 110001.
2. Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, A-Wing, Shastri Bhawan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi – 110011.
3. Director General of Hydrocarbons, GoI.
4. Chairman, ONGC.
5. Indian National Shipowner's Association (INSA).
6. President, ICCSA, Mumbai.
7. IADC South Asia Chapter.