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Date: 26.10.2026

DGMA ORDER NO.26 OF 2026

[Addendum to DGMA Order No. 08 of 2026]

Subject: Preventive Measures to Reduce Abandonment of Indian Seafarers on Board Foreign-Flag Vessels – reg.

Whereas, this Directorate vide DGMA Order No. 08/2026 dt 14.05.2026 (File No. {23-ABAN/87/2025-CREW-DGS(C. No.:35842)}) had notified a list of 278 Nos of vessels as 'Restricted' and a further list of 88 Nos of vessels as 'Blacklisted' in violation of national maritime regulations and international obligations under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006) in the interest of safeguarding the safety, dignity and welfare of Indian seafarers.

2. And whereas, basis request from ship owners / managers / RPS Agencies, this Directorate has been continuously reviewing the list and considering removal of 'Restriction' from the vessels in terms of Para 6.8 of the DGMA Order No. 08/2026 upon complete satisfaction of this Directorate regarding future operations of the concern vessel.

3. And whereas, Para 6.5 of DGMA Order No. 08/2026 also states Quote "*Engagement of seafarers on any one vessel (Indian or foreign flag) shall be restricted to a maximum of two authorized RPSL companies only.*" End Quote.

3.1 And whereas, this Directorate is receiving representation from many RPSL Agencies requesting for leniency on the same due to several operational issues.

3.2 The issue has been of impact more so for the cruise industry wherein there are several categories of crew members who are required to be engaged onboard a vessel to offer services to the passengers. A single RPS Agency is unable to engage such diverse type of professionals and there has practice of multiple RPSLs supplying crew members onboard a single vessel.

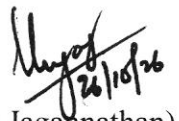
3.3 And whereas, the Directorate has taken note that there have been very few incidents regarding abandonment of Cruise / Passenger ships.

3.4 Accordingly, there is a justified argument for modification in the said term of DGMA Order No. 08/2026 for better implementation to the bona-fide interests of all the stakeholders.

4. In view of all the above, following amendments are hereby made in the terms of the DGMA Order No. 08/2026 dt 14.05.2026 limited to Para 6.5 thereof:

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- 4.1 Engagement of seafarers on any one vessel, other than the category given in para 4.2, shall be restricted to a maximum of three (03) authorized RPSL companies only.
- 4.2 No restriction regarding number of authorized RPSL companies regarding Engagement of seafarers onboard only on Cruise / Passenger vessels.
- 4.3 The para 4.1 and 4.2 are applicable for both Indian and Foreign flag vessels.
5. All other terms & conditions of DGMA Order No. 08/2026 shall remain unchanged.
6. These preventive measures are issued in the interest of safeguarding the safety, dignity, and welfare of Indian seafarers, and to uphold India's commitments under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006. All stakeholders are directed at complying with these instructions without exception.



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Director General of Maritime Administration

To:

1. All RPSLs Companies
2. All Indian seafarers