

NOTICE TO SHIP OWNERS / MANAGERS OPERATING SHIPS UNDER RIVER SEA VESSEL NOTIFICATION

It has come to the notice of this department that ship owners / managers operating ships under *River Sea Vessel* (RSV) notification are keeping both statutory certificates, issued under RSV notification as well as statutory certificates issued under IV Act / any other State Government Act, onboard their ships at the same time. Considering the requests and for ease in doing business, the Directorate has allowed vessels to have registration under the provisions of M.S. Act and IV/State Government Acts at the same time. Hence it is to be noted that vessels can keep both certificate of registry under aforesaid Acts i.e., registry under MS Act and registry under IV / State Government Act. However, at any given point of time, the vessel shall only carry relevant statutory certificate (s) issued under any one Act. Therefore, it is now clarified to comply with the following conditions.

1. Whenever the vessel is in operation under the provisions of IV Act / State Govt Act, the statutory certificates issued to the vessel for operation as RSV by R.O are to be deposited with the concerned Registrar registering the vessel under MS Act with a copy to the concerned R.O.
2. Whenever the vessel is in operation under the provisions of RSV notification, the statutory certificates issued to the vessel, for operation as Inland water vessel, by IV / State Govt authorities is are to be deposited with the concerned registrar registering under IV/ State Govt Act and a copy to the concerned R.O (if applicable).
3. Failing to comply with above conditions will attract penal actions such as detention of the vessel and suspension of certificate of registry and statutory certificates.
4. This notice is issued with the approval of the Principal Officer.

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