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Subject: Amendments to International Convention for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 (COLREGs) and its applicability- reg.

Whereas, the Government of India has ratified the International Convention for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 (COLREGs), and the Convention entered into force on 15th July 1977 through accession. Article 1 of the Convention mandates general obligation of the Government to undertake all measures which may be necessary to give effect to the Convention.

Whereas, the Merchant Shipping Act 1958, as amended, incorporates the Convention and is defined at Section 3(3) as "Collision Regulations" means the regulations made under Section 285 for the prevention of collisions at sea.

Whereas, the Merchant Shipping Act, Part IX - Safety, Section 285 to 287 (Prevention of Collisions), provides legislative provisions and powers for implementation of various requirements under the COLREGs Convention on all Indian vessels and foreign vessels sailing within Indian jurisdiction. The Merchant Shipping Act, Section 285 provides powers to make regulations for the prevention of collision at sea and Section 287 provides powers to regulate and inspect the lights and shapes to be carried and exhibited, the fog and distress signals to be carried and used, and the steering and sailing rules to be observed by Indian vessels and foreign vessels sailing within Indian jurisdiction.

Whereas, the Government has issued Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Collisions at Sea) Rules, 1975; Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Collisions at Sea) Rule, 1975-Corrigenda; Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Collisions at Sea) Amendment Regulations, 1986; Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Collisions at Sea) Amendment Regulations, 1990; and Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Collisions at Sea) Amendment Regulations, 1990-Corrigendum.

Furthermore, the Government has issued various executive orders, notices and circulars from time to time for the implementation and clarification of the Rules. These include but are not limited to, MS Notice 09 of 1998 on Contravention of International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea (IRPCS), 1972; MS Notice 17 of 2010 dated 08.11.2010 on Prevention of Collision of Ships in Ports and at High Seas; and MS Notice 03 of 2019 dated 02.05.2019 on Acceptance of 'other provision(s)' with respect to positioning of navigational lights on Indian 'Tugs', 'OSVs' and 'PSVs'. Additionally, guidance on 'to the satisfaction of the Administration' is issued vide MS Notice 15 of 2023 on 09.11.2023.

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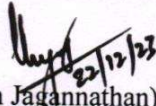
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Whereas, the Recognised Organizations (RO) were notified vide notification dated 26th December, 2014, and as indicated, an agreement is entered into with each RO to carry out surveys and certification as per the Convention.

Noting that, IMO has issued various amendments to the Convention from time to time which is annexed to this Order at Annexure – 1. As defined in the Merchant Shipping Act, such amendments to the COLREGs Convention are already in effect and applicable to Indian vessels and foreign vessels sailing within Indian jurisdiction.

The stakeholders are therefore required to be guided by this Order towards compliance with the provisions to give full effect to the International Convention on Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972 and its amendments.


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To,
All Stakeholders through DGS Website

Annexure –I
COLREG
(International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, as amended)

Amendments	Adopted		Effective Date	Amendments to Convention
	By	Date		
COLREG*	Conference	20.Oct.1972	15.July.1977	
1981 Amendments	Res.A.464(12)	19.Nov.1981	01.Jun.1983	Rule 1(c), 3(g), 3(g)(v), 10(b)(iii), 10(d), 10(e), 10(k), 10(l), 13(a), 22(d), 23(c), 24((a)(i), 24(c)(i), 24(d), 24(e), 24(g), 24(h), 24(i), 25(b), 27(b), 27(b)(iii), 27(c) 27(d), 27(e), 27(f), 27(g), 29(a) (iii), 30(e), 30(f), 33(a), 34(b)(iii), 35(d), 36, 37, 38, 38(*h), Annex I/sec. 1, 2(f), 2(i)(i),, 2(i) (ii), 2(j), 2(k), 3(b), 3(c), 5, 8, 9(a)(i), 9(a)(ii), 10(a), 10(b), 13, Annex III/1(d), 2(a), 2(b), 3
1987 Amendments	Res.A.626 (15)	19.Nov.1987	19.Nov.1989	Rule 1(e), 3(h), New rule 8(f),10(a),10(c),Annex 1/section 2(d), 2(i)(ii), 10(a), (b), AnnexIV/new para 1(o)
1989 Amendments	Res.A.678 (16)	19.Nov.1989	19.Apr.1991	Rule 10(d), (i), 10(d)(ii)
1993 Amendments	Res.A.736 (18)	04.Nov.1993	04.Nov.1995	Rule 26(b)(i), 26(c)(i), 26(d),Annex I/sec. 3(d), sec. 9(b), 9(b) (ii), New sec. 13, Annex II/sec. 2 (a), 2(b), 2(c), Annex IV/sub para. 1(o)
2001 Amendments	Res.A.910 (22)	29.Nov.2001	29.Nov.2003	Rule 3(a), (m), Rule 8(a), Rule 18(f), Rule 23(c), Rule 31, Rule 33(a), Rule 35(i), Annex I/ sec.13, Annex III/sec.1 Whistles para. (a), (c), sec. 2 Bell or gong para. (b).
2007 Amendments	Res.A.1004 (25)	29.Nov.2007	01.Dec.2009	Annex IV
2013 Amendments	Res.A.1085 (28)	04.Dec.2013	01.Jan.2016	Rule 39 (new), Rule 40 (new), Rule 41 (new)

** These Rules apply to all vessels upon the high seas and in all waters connected therewith navigable by seagoing vessels and contain provisions concerning steering and sailing rules, lights and shapes, and sound and light signals.*