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PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Repatriation and travel abroad of Indian seafarers and crew

Attention of all concerned is invited to abovementioned subject:

2. The Government of India has permitted the movement of stranded Indian seafarers/crew through charter flight arranged by their employing companies in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for movement of Indian nationals outside the country, issued vide notification on 05.05.2020, with the following modifications:

- a) In para 2(ii) of the SOP, travel to India can be by special charter flights to be arranged by the employers or by hiring firms. Such flights would be scheduled after full consultations between MEA, MoCA and the concerned States to which such flights are being proposed.
- b) In para 2(iv) of SOP, the cost of travel will be borne by such travelers, or by their employers.
- c) In para 2(viii), all the travelers shall give an undertaking, before boarding, that they would undergo mandatory institutional quarantine for a minimum period of 14 days on arrival in India at their own cost or at the cost of the employer.
- d) Upon completion of 14 days quarantine, Director General of Shipping would enable e-passes, if required, for intra-State/inter-State movement to their native places.

3. Indian seafarers/crew seeking to accept contracts to serve on vessels abroad can travel on the non-scheduled commercial flights departing from India under the Vande Bharat Mission or the charter flights arranged by their employers subject to their clearance given by the Ministry of Shipping.

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