

**DGS Order 13 of 2022 / COVID 19 instructions issued by Directorate General
of Shipping**

TO ALL FLEET VESSELS

Ref: DMA-SAPID/DMADGM/01/C1169

Date: 2022.04.09

In The Name Of God

Dear Sir/Madam,

Good Day,

Please find attached herewith DG Shipping Order 13 of 2022 dated 01.04.2022 advising the trade that all covid 19 related directives and SOPs issued by them are withdrawn with immediate effect. Further it says "All stakeholders are however required to continue to comply with Ministry of Health & Family welfare (MoHFW) and IMO advisories on COVID containment measures including on the use of face masks, hand hygiene, and such other measures. Further, all passengers above 12 years of age may continue to carry vaccination certificates or negative RTPCR reports. Minimum facilities to isolate Coronavirus patients on board and their immediate evacuation may continue to be maintained."

Also Please find the circular issued by the Home secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs dated 22.03.2022.

You are requested to confirm receipt, discuss the contents in the next consolidated meeting on board & keep a copy in the file DA-11 .

BEST REGARDS

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D.O. No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A)

22nd March, 2022

Dear Chief Secretary,

As you are aware, since the 24th March, 2020, on the direction of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Ministry of Home Affairs has been issuing Orders and Guidelines under the Disaster Management Act, (DM Act) 2005, for the containment of COVID-19 in the country. Central Government, in close coordination with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations (UTs) have taken various proactive measures to deal with the unprecedented global crisis of COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Over the last 24 months, significant capacities have been developed for various aspects of management of the pandemic, such as diagnostics, surveillance, contact tracing, treatment and vaccination, hospital infrastructure and the general public has much higher level of awareness on the COVID appropriate behaviour. States and UTs have also developed their own capacities and systems and implemented their detailed State/UT specific plans for managing the pandemic. Over the last seven weeks or so there has been a steep decline in the number of cases. The total caseload in the country stands at 23,913 only and daily positivity rate has declined to 0.28%. It is also worth mentioning that with the combined efforts, a total of 181.56 Cr vaccine doses have been administered.

3. After taking into consideration the overall improvement in the situation and preparedness of the Government to deal with the pandemic, NDMA has taken a decision that there may not be any further need to invoke the provisions of the DM Act for COVID containment measures. Accordingly, after the expiry of the existing MHA Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 25th February, 2022, no further Order may be issued by MHA. However, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) advisories on COVID containment measures, including on the use of face mask and hand hygiene, will continue to guide the overall national response to the pandemic.

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4. I would like to mention that in view of the nature of the disease, we still need to remain watchful of the situation. Wherever any surge in the number of cases is observed, the States/UTs may consider taking prompt and proactive action at local level, as advised by MoHFW from time to time.

5. I would, therefore, advise all the States/UTs to consider appropriately discontinuing issue of orders and guidelines under the DM Act, 2005 for COVID containment measures. The States/UTs may continue to follow the SoPs/advisories that have been or are being issued by the MoHFW from time to time for COVID containment measures, vaccination and other related aspects, including observing COVID Appropriate Behaviour.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Ajay Bhalla) 22/03/22

Chief Secretaries of all States
(as per list enclosed)



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DGS Order 13 of 2022

Sub.: COVID 19 instructions issued by Directorate General of Shipping – reg.

This Directorate had issued several instructions, SOP and orders to deal with the COVID 19 pandemic on board Indian vessels including cruise vessels seafarers and vessels calling Indian ports.

2. In view of the significant decline in the COVID 19 cases across the country, the Ministry of Home affairs has issued order no. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 25.02.2022 to implement risk assessment-based approach on the opening of economic activities.

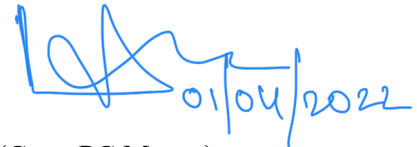
3. Further, Ministry of Home Affairs has also issued DO letter 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 22.03.2022 to all Chief Secretaries of States indicating that considering the overall improvement in the situation and preparedness of the Government to deal with the pandemic, the National Disaster Management Authority has taken a decision that there may not be any further need to invoke the provisions of the Disaster Management Act for COVID containment measures after 31.03.2022.

4. In view of the foregoing, it has been decided that all COVID 19 related directives and SOPs issued by the Directorate General of Shipping is withdrawn with immediate effect. All stakeholders are however required to continue to comply with Ministry of Health & Family welfare (MoHFW) and IMO advisories on COVID containment measures including on the use

of face mask, hand hygiene, and such other measures. Further, all passengers above 12 years of age may continue to carry vaccination certificates or negative RTPCR report. Minimum facilities to isolate Coronavirus patients on board and their immediate evacuation may continue to be maintained.

5. Further, in view of the nature of the pandemic and possibilities of resurgence, all stakeholder are cautioned to remain vigilant in the matter and implement appropriate measures proactively whenever required to prevent resurgence of the pandemic in accordance with MoHFW, Central/State Government directives.

6. This issues with the approval of Director General of Shipping and Additional Secretary to the Government of India. This Order comes into force with immediate effect.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'PC Meena', with the date '01/04/2022' written next to it.

(Capt. PC Meena)
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