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Applicable to: This circular should be brought to the attention of ship-owners, ship managers, operators and masters of Vanuatu-registered ships.

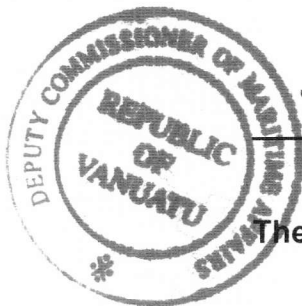
ENGAGEMENT OF INDIAN NCV CERTIFICATE HOLDING SEAFARERS FOR NEAR COASTAL VOYAGES IN OTHER COASTAL STATES

RE: Indian seafarers who have the limited endorsement of “Near Coastal Voyages” (NCV) on their Certificate of Competency are restricted to Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Myanmar, and Sri Lanka (BIMMS)

The Manila amendments 2010 to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers 1978 have provisions for operating on coastal voyages. Regulation I/3 paragraph 2 states “ A party that, for ships afforded the benefit of the near coastal voyages provision of the Convention, which included voyages off the coast of other parties within the limits of their near-coastal definition, shall enter into an undertaking with the parties concerned specifying the details of both involved trading areas and other relevant conditions”

Referencing MSL-STCW-2(1)/2006/II published 25 May 2012 by the Indian Directorate of Shipping; states that all Indian NCV license holders may sail on that license outside of the geographical limitation imposed on their license.

After careful analysis, VMSL will hereby accept the consideration for Engagement of Indian NCV Certificate holding seafarers for near coastal voyages in other coastal states.



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