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MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the _____ 2026

G.S.R. _____ (E) – In exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 264(1), 273(1), 273(2), 275(1), Section 280(1) and clauses (b), (j), (k), (l) and (m) of Section 280(2) under Part XIII of the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 (24 of 2025), and in supersession of the Merchant Shipping (Sailing Vessels) Rules, 1997 except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely:

CHAPTER I
Preliminary

1. Short title, commencement and application

- (1) These rules may be called the **Merchant Shipping (Sailing Vessels) Rules, 2025**.
- (2) They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
- (3) Save as otherwise provided, these rules shall apply to every sea-going sailing vessel which satisfies the descriptions and requirements specified.
- (4) Rules 14(3)(iv), 14(8), 14(9), 14(10) and 16 shall apply to new vessels of 400 gross tonnage and above, built or similar stages of building or re-built on or after date of publication of this rule.
- (5) Existing vessels of 400 gross tonnage and above, in lieu of rules stated in sub-rule (3)(ii) of rule 1, shall comply with other reasonably equivalent provisions, that may be issued vide notice(s) promulgated from time to time.
- (6) The sailing vessel referred in sub-rule (3)(i) of rule 1 shall be wooden ship of primitive built.

2. Definitions

- (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (a) "Act" means the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 (24 of 2025).

- (b) "Central register" means the register of sailing vessels maintained by the Director General.
- (c) "Certificate of Inspection of a Sailing Vessel" means a certificate issued to a sailing vessel in Form SV 3 for validity stated therein, subject to annual inspection.
- (d) "Coasting sailing vessel" means a vessel which is employed in trading between any port or place in India.
- (e) "Fair season and foul season" mean respectively the seasons as specified in Schedule III.
- (f) "Form" means Forms set out in Appendix appended to these rules.
- (g) "Free board deck" means the uppermost complete deck having permanent means of closing all the openings on the weather part of the deck.
- (h) "Identity Card" means an identity card of a seafarer, which includes the continuous service record of the seafarer.
- (i) "Issuing authority of Identity Card" means the authority as specified in Schedule IV.
- (j) "Length" means the length of the vessel considered in measurement of vessel as under rule 4.
- (k) "Mechanised Sailing Vessel" means a sailing vessel fitted with mechanical means of propulsion.
- (l) "Mercantile Marine Department" means the Mercantile Marine Department established under Section 11 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025 (24 of 2025), having jurisdiction over the area in which the concerned vessel is located.
- (m) "Notice" means any notice, circular, order or guidelines issued in writing by the Director-General from time to time in relation to sailing vessels.
- (n) "Operational Risk Zone" means a designated geographical region where specific risks, such as piracy, armed robbery, or other security threats, may affect the safety, security, and movement of vessels and trade."
- (o) "Recognized Organization" an entity authorized by the Director General to conduct surveys and issue inspection reports for sailing vessels.
- (p) "Recognized Security Organization (RS)"
- (p) "Register" means the register of sailing vessels maintained by the Registrar at the port of registry.

- (q) "Register tonnage" or "net tonnage" means the tonnage arrived at after allowing permissible deductions from gross tonnage, as specified in vessel's measurement under rule 4.
- (r) "Schedule" means Schedule(s) appended to these rules.
- (s) "Ship Security Assessment"
- (t) "Ship Security Plan"
- (u) "Ton" means a unit of volume equal to 100 cubic feet or 2.83 cubic metres.
- (v) "Tonnage deck" in the case of decked vessel, means the uppermost continuous deck having permanent means of closing the openings on deck.
- (2) Terms and expression not defined in the Act shall have the same meaning as in the Act.

CHAPTER II

Registration and Tonnage Measurement

3. Application for registration

- (1) Every application for the registration of a sailing vessel under Section 205 read with Section 153 of the Act shall be made in SVR Form I to the registrar of the port of registry nearest to the place where the owner resides or where the vessel is built or may be based.
- (2) Every such application shall be accompanied by:
 - (a) a declaration of ownership by the applicant as specified in SVR Form II or Form III as the case may be;
 - (b) the documents of title to the vessel;
 - (c) the builder's certificate, provided that due to certain reasons it is not possible for the owner to produce the builder's certificate, keeping in view the circumstances the Registrar may dispense with the same.

4. Name of vessel

- (1) When applying for the registration, the owner shall specify the name which he proposed to adopt for the vessel and that the vessel shall not be described by any other name during course of its registration under Section 32(1) of the Act.
- (2) If the name proposed by the owner is already borne by another vessel or if the name be so similar as is calculated or likely to deceive, the Registrar

may refuse the registration by such name and require the owner to suggest another name by which the vessel may be registered under Section 32(2) of the Act.

(3) When the name suggested by the owner has been approved by the Registrar, the vessel shall be registered by that name.

5. Official number of the vessel

(1) After satisfying himself about the applicant details in accordance with sub-section (1) of Section 15 of the act and his title to the vessel the Registrar shall assign to the vessel an official number from a consecutive series maintained at each port of registry preceded by three distinguishing code letters indicating the port of registry as specified in Schedule I.

(2) The official number once assigned to a sailing vessel shall not be changed except when the vessel is registered again at another port of registry or shall the official number on cancellation of the registry of vessel or otherwise, be re-assigned to another vessel.

6. Provisional certificate of registry

(1) Where an application for the registration of a sailing vessel is pending before the Registrar and the Registrar, having regard to the circumstances of the case, is of the opinion that the vessel should not be detained at the port till the issue of the certificate of registry to avoid such detention, the Registrar under Section 19(1) may issue a provisional certificate of registry as appeared in SVR FORM X.

(2) Every provisional certificate issued under sub-rule (1) shall specify the particulars of the vessel and of the owner and tinal thereof, or in the case of registration afresh the particulars as entered in the original certificate of registration.

(3) A provisional certificate shall be valid for a period as may be prescribed or a period not exceeding six months; Provided that the Registrar may, if he is satisfied that, in the circumstances of the case it is necessary to do so, extend the period of validity by a further period as may be prescribed.

7. Grant of Certificate of Registry

(1) On completion of all the requirements for the registration of sailing vessel, the Registrar shall, after the tonnage of the vessel has been

ascertained in accordance with the provisions of Schedule II, enter the particulars of the vessel in the register book as specified in SVR Form IV kept by him for the purpose and grant a certificate of registry.

(2) Every certificate of registry granted under sub-rule (1) shall be as specified in SVR Form V.

(3) The certificate of registry shall on demand by a registrar or any officer of the Customs or of the Mercantile Marine Department, or a Regional Office (Sails), be produced by owner or tindal.

8. Painting of name and official number on vessel

(1) The code letters indicating the port of registry, the name of the vessel by which it is registered and the official number assigned to it under Rule 5 shall be painted in white oil colour against a black background on both quarters of the vessel near the stern.

(2) All letters and figures painted shall be of such size as the Registrar may determine in each case but shall not be less than one decimetre in height and two centimetres in width.

(3) The letters and figures referred to in this rule shall also be painted in suitable size on the dinghies attached to the vessel.

9. Change of name

(1) The name of the vessel under which it has been registered shall not after such registration be altered or changed except with the prior approval of the Registrar.

(2) Every application for the change of name of the vessel shall be made to the Registrar of the vessel's port of registry and shall specify the reasons for the proposed change. The registrar may, if he is satisfied that the change proposed is reasonable and necessary, approve the change.

(3) Where the name of the vessel which is mortgaged is sought to be changed, the consent of the mortgagee shall also be obtained for the proposed change.

(4) The new name which has been approved by the Registrar shall be entered in the register and in the certificate of registry of the vessel.

10. Registration of alterations

(1) An application for the registration of alterations to a vessel shall be made as specified in SVR Form VI within a period of fifteen days of such alteration to the Registrar of the port where the vessel is registered.

(2) An application for the registration of alterations to a vessel shall be made as specified in SVR Form VI to any port having a Registrar; that Registrar, or if it is made elsewhere, the Registrar of the first port at which the vessel arrives after the alteration, or in case the vessel so altered is outside Indian port, the Registrar may on report of inspection of such vessel by a surveyor or the person authorised under sub-section (1) of Section 9, re-register the vessel without any requirement of the vessel to visit Indian port.

(3) Where the alterations are not substantial, that is to say, do not materially affect the dimensions or the tonnage of the vessel or its carrying capacity, the Registrar shall enter the alterations in the register book and also in the certificate of registry of the vessel.

(4) Where the alterations materially affect the dimensions, the tonnage or the carrying capacity of the vessel, the Registrar shall register the vessel afresh.

(5) Where the Registrar decides to register the vessel afresh as required by sub-rule (4) above, he shall do so within a period of fifteen days on receipt of application or completion of alteration whichever is later.

11. Declaration of Ownership

(1) Every declaration of ownership shall be made before the Registrar of Sailing Vessels, Special Executive Magistrate, a Commissioner of Oaths, or an Indian Ambassador and where a Declaration of Ownership is made at a place other than the Port of Registry, the place of attestation shall be stated in the declaration.

12. Transfer of Registry

(1) If the person having an interest in the vessel whether as owner or mortgagee, desire that the registry of the vessel may be transferred from one port to another, then they shall apply as specified in SVR FORM VII to the registrar of the port of registry for such transfer.

(2) The Registrar shall, if he is satisfied that the proposed transfer is unobjectionable, transmit the particulars of the vessel and the encumbrances, if any thereon, to the Registrar of the intended port of registry.

(3) The Registrar at the intended port of registry, after he is satisfied that the new official number with the code letters of the port are duly painted on the vessel as specified in rule 8, shall issue a fresh certificate of registry and communicate to the Registrar of the original port of registry the official number assigned to the vessel and the date of its registry.

13. Closure of registry

(1) Where the registration of the vessel is transferred under rule 12, the Registrar of the original port of registry shall close the registration of the vessel in the register book.

(2) Where the registration of the vessel at any port is closed under Section 43 of the Act, or under sub-rule (1), the Registrar of the port shall forthwith submit to the Director-General a statement of the particulars of the vessel and the circumstances in which the registration has been closed.

14. Transfer of vessel or interest therein

(1) The owner or in the case of joint ownership, the owners of the vessel desiring to transfer the vessel or any interest therein shall apply to the Registrar of the port of registry for permission to do so.

(2) The Registrar shall, after making such enquiry as he thinks fit, grant permission for transfer of ownership within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of such application.

(3) After the proposed transfer of ownership is permitted and the sale has been effected, the transferee shall present to the Registrar of the port of registry a declaration of ownership, the instrument of transfer and the existing certificate of registry of the vessel, and thereupon, the registrar shall enter the particulars of the transfer of ownership in his register and issue a fresh certificate of registry.

(4) The Registrar shall, on transfer of ownership and issue of a fresh certificate of registry, intimate the same to the Director-General.

15. Transfer of ownership by operation of law

(1) Where the title to the vessel devolves on any person by operation of law under Section 24 of the Act, such person shall apply to the registrar specifying the circumstances in which he has acquired title to the vessel and also adducing evidence of such acquisition.

(2) If the Registrar, after making such enquiry as he thinks fit, is satisfied about the claim of the applicant, he shall register the particulars of change of ownership in his register and also endorse the particulars in the certificate of registry of the vessel.

16. Mortgage of vessel

(1) Every instrument of mortgage of a vessel or any interest therein shall be as specified in SVR FORM VIII or SVR FORM IX, as the case may be.

(2) The Registrar shall, after satisfying himself that the instrument is properly executed, record the same in his register book with the date and hour of acceptance and shall make an endorsement to that effect on the mortgage instrument.

(3) Where there are two or more mortgages on the same vessel, their respective priorities shall be indicated in the register book in the appropriate column by the letters A, B, C... in alphabetical order.

(4) Where a vessel belonging to a company is mortgaged the registrar shall not register the mortgage unless it has also been registered with the Registrar of Companies under section 77 of the Companies Act, 2013.

(5) When the mortgage debt is fully discharged, the Registrar shall, after satisfying himself that the receipt endorsed on the mortgage instrument is in order and that it is properly witnessed and, where the mortgage is by a company also that a memorandum of satisfaction has been entered in the register of charges under section 83 of the Companies Act, 2013, make an entry in the register relating to the discharge of the mortgage.

(6) No payment of ownership of any instalment of a mortgage debt shall be recorded in the register.

17. Issue of duplicate copies of certificate

(1) The Registrar, on application made by the owner to issue a duplicate copy of the certificate of registry may, after satisfying himself to the effect that the original certificate has been destroyed, lost, mislaid, mutilated or defaced, issue the same clearly marked on it "DUPLICATE" in red ink.

(2) Every application for duplicate copy of a certificate of registry shall be accompanied by a declaration regarding the circumstances in which the original certificate was destroyed, lost, mislaid, mutilated or defaced.

(3) Where a duplicate copy of a certificate of registry has been obtained on the ground that the original has been lost or mislaid, and such original is

subsequently found or received by the owner, he shall forthwith surrender the original certificate to the Registrar who shall cancel the same.

(4) A duplicate copy of the certificate of registry shall not be granted on the ground that the original has been mutilated or defaced unless the mutilated or defaced certificate is surrendered to the Registrar.

18. Central Register

(1) The Director-General shall maintain a central register which shall contain all the entries recorded in the register book as kept by the Registrar.

(2) On completion of the registration of a vessel at a port, the Registrar shall immediately transmit to the Director-General a copy of the entries in his register book relating to the vessel.

(3) The particulars of every other transaction subsequently recorded in the register book shall also be reported forthwith to the Director-General.

19. Inspection of register book and supply of copies of entries

(1) In accordance with Section 42(1) of the Act, the register book maintained by the Registrar, shall on application made in this behalf and on payment of the prescribed fee in accordance with Section 44(2)(z) of the Act, be open to inspection by any person during office hours.

(2) A certified copy of any entry in a register book may be granted by the Registrar to any person on application made in that behalf and on payment of the prescribed fee in accordance with Section 44(2)(z) of the Act, and as specified in Schedule III.

20. Entry of particulars of existing vessels

(1) The registration of every Indian vessel registered prior to the commencement of these rules shall continue to be valid following the notification of these rules.

CHAPTER III

Free Board and Certificate of Inspection

21. Assignment of free-board

(1) No vessel shall ply or proceed to sea unless it has been assigned the free board in accordance with the provisions of these rules.

(2) Registrar shall ensure that vessel's name and registration number is cut at least 3 mm deep, in wood of hull at bow and stern and shall be painted white or yellow on a dark background.

22. Application for Certificate of Inspection or survey for assignment of freeboard

(1) Every such application for grant of Certificate required by Section 277(3) read with 280 of the Act shall be made as specified in Form SV 1 to the jurisdictional MMD or a recognised organisation notified by the Central Government for the purpose. Each survey application will be admissible only when complete and accompanied by the fee prescribed in rule 38(1).

23. Inspection and/or Survey

(1) Inspection and/or Survey of a sailing vessel as stated under Rule 22 shall be caused by the Registrar of the vessel. The Surveyor on completion of the Inspection of sailing vessel or Survey for Assignment of freeboard shall forward to the Registrar the report, on the result of such inspection and/or survey for assignment of freeboard.

24. Preparation for Inspection

- (1) The vessel shall be made clean and free from cargo.
- (2) Rigging and equipment shall be kept handy for inspections.
- (3) The vessel shall be cleaned externally and placed on a hard or slipway sufficiently clear of the ground.
- (4) Unless the surveyor has any reason to doubt the condition of the hull, the arrangement of sub-rule (3) need only be carried out once in three years.

25. Particulars of marking to be furnished

(1) If on a consideration of the report of the surveyor under rule 23, the Registrar is satisfied that the free board may be assigned he shall furnish to the owner the particulars of the position in which the deck line and the free board line are to be marked.

26. Computation of free board

(1) The free boards for vessels shall be computed in accordance with the provisions of Schedule II.

27. Markings

(1) The owner of the vessel shall cause to be marked on each side of the vessel, the particulars of the deck and the free board lines and also the disk.

(2) The markings referred to in sub-rule (1) shall be cut into the planking to a depth of at least 3 millimetres and shall be painted white or yellow on a dark background.

28. Inspection

(1) The hull shall be inspected to determine whether the vessel is staunch and tight and strong enough for the service intended.

(2) Joints in planking and caulking shall be carefully examined.

(3) In the case of decked vessels, it shall be ensured that the deck planking is in good condition and properly caulked and that efficient means of battening down the hatches is provided.

(4) It shall be ensured that:

(a) Sails are of strong and durable material and in good condition and of sufficient area to enable efficient navigation under sails alone.

(b) All blocks, pulleys and ropes are in good condition and of sufficient strength.

(c) The anchors, chains, hawsers are sufficient and efficient.

(5) Special attention shall be paid to the condition of the rudder and helm and their fastenings.

(6) All pumps shall be tested for efficiency by actually working them for not less than ten minutes.

(7) It shall be ensured that the free board markings are properly marked and maintained and that no alterations affecting the position of the free board markings have taken place.

(8) The engine compartment should be partitioned off from the cargo space using bulkheads and it should be insulated with non-combustible panelling and covered with GI sheets.

(9) The exhaust uptake should be properly lagged.

(10) At least one largest sized extinguisher required to be carried on vessel, in compliance of rule 14(1) under fire fighting appliances, shall be provided in a manner to cover machinery space area and if necessary, such extinguisher to have an extended discharge hose/applicator.

(11) The engine, auxiliary machineries and stern glands should be in good condition.

29. Equipment

(1) Every vessel shall be equipped with lifesaving and fire fighting appliances prescribed by notices promulgated from time to time, applicable

to such vessel for intended voyage, under the Merchant Shipping (Life Saving Appliances) Rules, 2025, as amended and the Merchant Shipping (Fire Fighting Appliances) Rules, 2025, as amended.

(2) Every sailing vessel shall be equipped with radio equipment prescribed by notices promulgated from time to time, applicable to such vessel for intended voyage, under the Merchant Shipping (Distress and Safety Radio Communication) Rules, 2025, as amended.

(2) All such emergency radio communication equipment required to be carried on board shall have independent backup power pack with charge to last at least 48 hrs of use, in event of an emergency situation.

(3) In addition to statutory LSA/FFA/DSRC requirements, Indian Mechanised Sailing Vessels shall comply with Safety & Security communication, navigation and reporting measures and Standard Operating Procedures as per the Schedules herein.

(4) Every vessel of over 100 gross tons shall be provided with at least one hand operated pump for pumping bilges only.

(5) For vessels of 200 gross tons and above, an electrical or mechanical driven pump will replace hand operated pump and one such pump for each 300 GT, in multiples thereof, shall be provided.

(6) Pumping and piping arrangement shall be such that the pump will be able to take suction to make the bilge dry and shall generate sufficient pressure to throw water at least 2 metres above the ship's main gunwale from bottom of the vessel.

(7) In new vessels of 400 GT and above, at least one such pump will be fixed type and will have arrangement to pump out oily bilge water from bilge holding tank to shore reception facility.

(8) Every vessel other than the coasting vessel shall be provided with a fixed compass having steady card and one spare portable compass for use in emergency or in lifeboat.

(9) Every vessel, other than a coasting vessel of less than 200 tons, shall be provided with a VHF set and an AIS, in compliance of notices promulgated from time to time.

(10) Lights, shapes and sound signals shall be provided in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Collisions at Sea) Rules, 2017.

(11) Every vessel shall be provided with an ISRO approved Distress Alert Transmitter (DAT), compatible with ISRO Satellite(s). However, if a vessel plies outside such ISRO satellite detection coverage area then a SOLAS type EPIRB shall be provided.

30. Pollution prevention and Environmental control requirements

(1) Vessel shall not use heavy or persistent oil as fuel in any machinery. Only high-speed diesel or lighter non persistent fuels are permitted on board. Every such vessel shall be provided with a bilge holding tank made of steel or similar material in compliance of notices promulgated from time to time.

(2) Every vessel with 15 or more and up to 18 crew members shall be provided with a biodegradable system toilet.

(3) Every vessel with 19 or more and up to 22 crew members shall be provided with pro-rata additional capacity of holding tank with only one toilet as required under sub-rule (1). For 23 crew members and above, a vessel must carry additional toilets on basis of 1 per 18 persons.

(4) A vessel up to total of 14 crew members may alternatively have a holding tank of 1008 litres capacity, provided her port stay is not more than 6 days.

(5) The biodegradable toilet and/or sewage holding tank in sub-rule (1) and (2) shall be as per design and type approved by Indian Railways - Defence Research & Development Organisation (IR-DRDO) or any other Central or State Govt. accredited body.

(6) Marine diesel engine installed on a vessel shall comply with following Nitrogen Oxide (NO_x) emission limits —

(i) 3.4 g/kWh when n is less than 130 rpm;

(ii) $9 \cdot n^{(-0.2)}$ g/kWh when n is 130 or more but less than 2000 rpm;

(iii) 2.0 g/kWh when n is 2000 rpm or more;

where n is rated engine speed (crankshaft revolutions per minute).

(7) All auxiliary machinery fitted on a vessel shall use non-persistent fuel having less than 3.50% m/m sulphur content.

31. Auxiliary Engines

(1) Before a vessel is to be fitted with an auxiliary engine, it shall be inspected by a surveyor to ascertain whether the hull is of adequate strength for the engines to be installed.

(2) The engine shall be fitted and necessary tests and speed trials carried out to the satisfaction of a surveyor.

(3) Unless the surveyor has any reason to doubt the efficiency of an engine, complete dismantling and inspection need only be carried out once in five years.

32. Fuel oil storage and bilge holding

(1) The fuel oil storage and service tank(s) shall be made of steel, properly constructed, mounted self-supporting, provided with proper filling arrangement, air vent and gauging ability. The fuel supply from the tank up to the metallic fuel cock fitted with remotely closing mechanism shall be made of metal.

(2) Every vessel less than or equal to 500 gross tonne (GT) shall be fitted with 500 litres capacity of bilge water tank, and thereafter 100 litres increase in bilge holding capacity for every 100 tonnes increase in GT of the vessel; however, bilge water holding tank capacity need not be more than one cubic metre plus one change of lube oil from all engines or machinery, likely to have such change when vessel is at sea.

33. Defects

(1) If a surveyor finds that any defect exists in the hull, rigging, equipment or machinery of a vessel, he shall address a letter to the owner or tinal of the vessel as specified in Form SV 2 pointing out the defects and the repairs necessary to make them good.

(2) The repairs shall be carried out to the satisfaction of the surveyor.

34. Issue of certificate of inspection

(1) On being satisfied that the vessel has complied with the provisions of these rules, the Principal Officer of the Mercantile Marine Department shall grant, a certificate of inspection as specified in Form SV 3.

(2) Every certificate of inspection issued shall be valid from the date of its issue for a period of three years subject to annual inspection of the vessel; provided that the surveyor may for reasons to be recorded in writing, issue a certificate of inspection for such shorter period and/or limitations to the effect of cargo carrying capacity and/or plying area, as may be specified therein.

35. Upon expiry or rendering invalid of a certificate of inspection

(1) Any certificate of inspection issued which has expired or has become invalid due to structural damage to the vessel or due to deficient equipment or any other cause, shall be surrendered to the MMD in India or Registrar of the vessel, upon reaching first port of call after such expiry.

(2) If a vessel is calling a foreign port and such situation arises, the vessel shall inform port State control officer of the port, and the owner shall inform the registrar of the vessel expeditiously.

(3) A vessel shall not sail out from a port after the situation above, until certificate of inspection is restored to its effect for full term or shorter period, after an inspection equivalent to inspection prescribed under rule 33.

36. Alterations to the vessel

(1) Whenever alterations have taken place in the hull or superstructure of a vessel so as to affect the position of the free board lines, the owner shall apply for a fresh free board certificate.

37. Loading of vessel

(1) No vessel shall be so loaded that the marking of the free board line is submerged.

38. Issue of duplicate certificate of inspection

(1) In the event of being destroyed, lost, mislaid, mutilated or defaced, of an original certificate of inspection the Principal Officer may, on application being made to him stating the full facts and upon being satisfied of the genuineness of the case, grant a duplicate certificate of inspection.

(2) Every such application shall be accompanied by a fee prescribed in rule 38(1).

(3) If an original certificate of inspection stated to be mislaid, lost or destroyed shall at any subsequent time to issuance of a duplicate copy thereof, be found, it shall forthwith be surrendered to the Principal Officer of the Mercantile Marine Department.

39. Transfer of registry (certificate endorsement)

(1) When a vessel's registry is transferred or there has been a change of name of ownership or tonnage, the certificate of inspection shall be produced to the Registrar for endorsing the alteration, as under MS (Registration of Indian Ships) Rules, 2025.

40. Trading limits

(1) The trading limits, if any, and the conditions for such trading, shall be specified in the certificate of inspection depending upon the size, type, construction and general suitability of the vessel for which the surveyor finds the vessel to be fit in compliance of notices promulgated from time to time.

41. Production of certificate of inspection

(1) The owner or tindal of the vessel shall produce the certificate of inspection on demand by a surveyor or any officer of the Customs or of the

Mercantile Marine Department or a Regional Officer (Sails) in India and any Port State Control officer of the country outside India.

CHAPTER IV

Crew and Identity Cards

41. Possession of permits/identity cards

(1) No person shall serve or be allowed to serve on sailing vessel on any voyage outside India unless —

(a) as tindal, he is in possession of a permit;

(b) any other member of the crew is in possession of a valid identity card issued under these rules.

(2) The holder of a permit or an identity card shall, on demand by any issuing authority or a Registrar of a vessel or any officer of Customs, produce such permit or identity card for inspection by such authority, Registrar or officer in India and any Port State Control officer of the country outside India.

(3) No officer of customs may clear outward any vessel, unless the tindal thereof is in possession of a permit and the other member of the crew thereof are in possession of valid identity cards issued under these rules and a valid Indian passport.

42. Procedure for Issue of Permits/Identity Cards (online)

(1) The Director General shall maintain a centralized online system for the issue of Permit/identity cards to the crew of sailing vessels.

(2) Every application for an identity card shall be made electronically on the online portal, accompanied by the documents and fee as prescribed under these rules.

(3) The Regional Officer (Sails) shall examine the applications in accordance with the provisions of these rules and, upon being satisfied, forward the approved cases to the Director General for final approval and printing.

(4) The identity card shall be issued under the authority of the Director General and shall bear the signature of the Regional Officer (Sails), Mumbai, as the authorised signatory.

43. Issue of permits/identity cards

(1) An application for a permit or an identity card along with the necessary fee prescribed in Schedule V and copies of passport size photographs of

the applicant, shall be made in duplicate as specified in Form A to the issuing authority.

(2) The permit/identity cards shall be issued only to such applicants who are in possession of a valid Indian passport and serve on Indian sailing vessels plying between Indian ports and/or any other ports outside India.

(3) The applicant shall have to produce a letter from the owner or tindal of a sailing vessel to the effect that the applicant will be employed on board the sailing vessel(s) owned by such persons and that the sailing vessel(s) is/are plying between Indian and/or foreign ports.

(4) Applicant applying for tindal permit shall have minimum of three years sea going experience on Indian sailing vessel and fulfil training and/or examination requirement prescribed under the relevant notice.

(5) On receipt of an application under sub-rule (1) the issuing authority shall, after conducting such inquiry, as he may consider necessary and upon finding satisfactory issue an identity card;

(5) (ii) and in case of issuance of tindal permit, additionally comply with requirement stated above.

(5) (iii) If an applicant is not being issued with identity card or tindal permit then the reason for declining so, will be recorded in writing and a copy given to the applicant.

(5) (iv) An applicant can make a fresh application, if his application has been declined, after a time interval of minimum one month.

(6) Permits and identity cards shall be issued as specified in Form B and shall be numbered serially, such number being preceded by the code letters of the port of issue as specified in Schedule I.

(7) A permit or an identity card shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of its issue; provided that the issuing authority may issue for reasons to be recorded in writing, a permit or an identity card for a period less than one year; provided further that where, at the expiry of a permit or an identity card, the holder thereof is on a vessel which is on a voyage outside India, such permit or identity card shall be deemed to be valid until such vessel arrives at any port in India.

(8) Where a permit or an identity card is refused by the issuing authority or where such permit or identity card is issued for a period less than one year, the issuing authority shall inform the applicant in writing stating the reasons thereof, and in the case of refusal the fee paid shall be refunded to the applicant.

(9) The issuing authority shall forward a duplicate copy of every application received by him under this rule to the Director-General for record and where an application for a permit or an identity card is refused he shall also send a report stating briefly therein the reasons for such refusal.

44. Renewal of permit/identity card

(1) The holder of a permit or an identity card shall apply for renewal to the issuing authority within a period of 30 days of the expiry of such permit or identity card along with renewal fee prescribed in Schedule V.

(2) The issuing authority shall renew the permit or an identity card for a period less than one year by making suitable endorsement thereon.

(3) Where the issuing authority refuses to renew a permit or an identity card under this rule or where he renews such permit or identity card for a period less than one year, he shall inform the holder in writing stating the reasons therefore and in the case of refusal, shall refund the fee to the applicant paid by him.

(4) Where the issuing authority refuses to renew a permit or an identity card under this rule he shall send a report to the Principal Officer, Mercantile Marine Department stating briefly therein the reasons for such refusal.

(5) Applications for new, renewal, replacement, or duplicate I-cards must be submitted online with required scanned documents and payment of the prescribed fee via the e-payment gateway or Bharatkosh. Regional Officers (RO Sails) shall review the applications, conduct necessary inquiries, and forward them online to the Directorate for approval. Once approved, I-cards shall be printed, signed, laminated, and dispatched to the applicant by speed post. Offline submissions shall not be accepted, and any incomplete or fraudulent application will be rejected or cancelled, with fees forfeited.

45. Suspension or cancellation of permit/identity card

(1) If issuing authority has reasons to believe that the holder of a permit or of an identity card has — (a) used or attempted to use false document or made a false declaration for the purpose of obtaining the permit or, as the case may be the identity card; (b) committed or attempted to commit any offence punishable under Chapter IX or Chapter XVII of the Indian Penal code (45 of 1860) or under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 or under the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962); (c) without sufficient cause deserted his place of duty on a vessel or has, without such cause, refused to discharge his duties on a vessel — then the issuing authority may, after giving the holder an opportunity to be heard, by order in writing and for

reasons which shall be communicated in writing to the holder suspend or cancel the permit or identity card for such period as he may specify.

46. Appeals

(1) Any person aggrieved by a decision of the issuing authority — (a) refusing him a permit or an identity card; (b) issuing him a permit or an identity card for a period of less than one year; (c) refusing to renew his permit or identity card or renewing his permit or identity card for a period of less than one year; (d) suspending or cancelling his permit or identity card — within a period of thirty days from the date of receipt of the decision of the issuing authority, may appeal in writing to the Director General.

47. Issue of duplicate permit/identity card

(1) Where a permit or an identity card is lost, destroyed, defaced or mutilated, the holder thereof may apply, along with an affidavit setting out the facts to the issuing authority for a duplicate copy of such permit or an identity card.

(2) An application for the purpose shall be accompanied by a fee as prescribed in Schedule V.

(3) Provided that the issuing authority may, if satisfied that such permit or identity card is lost, destroyed, defaced or mutilated for reasons beyond the control of the holder thereof refund such fee.

(4) On receipt of an application, the issuing authority, after satisfying itself as to the correctness of the statements made therein, may issue a duplicate permit or, as the case may be, an identity card and such permit or identity card shall be marked "DUPLICATE" in red ink.

(5) Where a permit or an identity card which has been stated to be lost or destroyed and in respect of which duplicate has been issued under this rule, is subsequently found, it shall be surrendered to the issuing authority for cancellation.

48. Central Register

(1) On or before the 10th of every month, every issuing authority shall submit to the Director General a return relating to the issuing of permits and identity cards to the members of crew as specified in Form C.

(2) The Director General shall maintain a central register as specified in Form D and enter therein details of all permits and identity card issued under these rules and any subsequent particulars reported from time to time.

49. Statement of crew

(1) Every owner or tindal of the vessel shall maintain or cause to be maintained a statement of the crew as referred to in section 275 of the Act, in Form E appended to the rules.

(2) The owner or tindal of the sailing vessel shall communicate a copy of the statement of the members of crew of the sailing vessel and every change entered therein to the registrar of the port of registry of the vessel concerned.

(3) The owner or tindal of a vessel shall produce the statement for inspection on demand by the registrar, the regional officer (sails) or any other officer appointed in this behalf.

50. Services, inspection, survey and certification fee

(1) Fee for various services and departmental surveyors shall be levied as per schedule of fee prescribed by the Director-General from time to time.

(2) Director General may have control over the fee charged by non-departmental surveyor, if such services are delegated.

CHAPTER V

Safety, Manning & Security Requirements

51. General Safety Obligations

(1) Every sailing vessel shall:

(a) At all times be maintained in a seaworthy condition and be provided with the safety, life-saving, fire-fighting, communication and navigational equipment prescribed under these rules and notices issued by the Director-General from time to time

(b) Undertake a Ship Security Assessment (SSA) through a Recognized Security Organization (RS)) in order to develop a Ship Security Plan (SSP).

(c) carry on board a Ship Security Plan developed by the Recognized Security Organization and approved by the Director General

(d) Maintain a Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR) as per **Schedule**

(e) report its Expected arrival and departure times and dates to the Port Authorities of the port where the vessel is to arrive/depart at least 12 hours prior to arrival/departure. This information shall be communicated by means of VHF and positively by means of a document in the approved format (Annexure 3) through their owners/agents/managers/charterers.

(f) Maintain an approved ship log book for recording all essential activities and preserving the logs for inspection by the concerned authorities.

52. Safe Manning

(1) Every sailing vessel shall carry such minimum number of competent crew as is necessary to ensure:

- (a) safe navigation and watchkeeping;
- (b) effective operation of sails, rigging and auxiliary machinery;
- (c) ability to respond to emergencies including fire, flooding, grounding and man-overboard;
- (d) continuous radio watch on prescribed frequencies.

53. Watchkeeping and Rest Hours

(1) Continuous navigational watch shall be maintained at all times when the vessel is underway or at anchor in unsafe areas.

(2) The tindal shall assign qualified crew to day and night watches ensuring:

- (a) lookout is maintained by sight and hearing;
- (b) AIS and VHF watchkeeping at all times;
- (c) wheel or tiller is manned where manual steering is required.

(3) No watchkeeper shall be assigned duty if he is unfit due to fatigue, illness or intoxication.

(4) Every crew member shall be allowed a minimum of:

- (a) 10 hours of rest in any 24-hour period, and
- (b) 77 hours of rest in any seven-day period,

provided that the rest hours may be divided into no more than two periods, one of which shall be at least six hours.

(5) The tindal shall maintain records of watch schedules and rest hours for inspection.

54. Mandatory compliance in Operational Risk Zones

(1) A vessel shall obtain prior operational clearance before entering ORZs.

(2) Every vessel operating in ORZ shall:

- (a) maintain continuous AIS transmission,
- (b) rig razor wire or equivalent deterrence,
- (c) implement watch-keeping and restricted lighting conditions at night

55. Navigation, Reporting and Communication

(1) The tindal shall report vessel movements: Arrival, Departure, 72 hours prior, 12 hours prior in ORZ.

(2) All distress/security alerts shall be notified to MRCC/MMDAC/IFC-IOR as applicable.

56. Emergency Preparedness and Drills

(1) The tindal shall ensure that drills for fire, abandon ship, flooding, grounding, man-overboard and piracy threats are conducted at intervals not exceeding two months.

(2) During drills, crew shall demonstrate:

- (a) correct donning and securing of life-jackets;
- (b) rigging and lowering of survival craft where applicable;
- (c) operation of fire pumps and extinguishers;
- (d) distress communication procedures.

(3) A record of every drill shall be entered in the logbook and shall be produced for inspection on demand.

57. Responsibilities of Owner and Tindal

(1) The owner shall ensure:

- (a) the vessel has a valid Certificate of Inspection;
- (b) equipment required under these rules is provided and maintained;
- (c) crew are trained and fit for duty;
- (d) full compliance with security and reporting obligations.

(2) The tindal shall be responsible for the safe operation of the vessel, crew discipline, compliance with watchkeeping and security requirements, and immediate reporting of any casualty or defect.

CHAPTER VI Miscellaneous

58. Trade conditions

For purpose of promoting coastal trade, in India and with neighbouring littoral countries in similar trade and for providing such balance of trade between neighbouring littoral countries or for supporting any other Government of India policy/initiative, under protection of heritage or preservation of traditional professions, the Director General may prescribe carriage of certain type of cargoes in certain manner on board these vessels vide relevant notice.

59. Insurance

(1) Every owner of a vessel to which this Chapter applies shall, at all times while the vessel is in operation, maintain a policy of insurance covering every person employed as a member of the crew against death or personal injury arising out of or in the course of employment, including during

embarkation, disembarkation and the handling of fishing gear or catch-related activities.

(2) The policy of insurance shall provide for payment of compensation of an amount not less than the minimum amount specified by the Central Government by notification in the Official Gazette, having regard to international standards, wherever applicable.

(3) The insurance shall, at a minimum, cover — (a) death of a crew member arising out of employment onboard; (b) permanent total or partial disability resulting from injury sustained in the course of employment; (c) medical care and treatment for occupational injury or illness until recovery or medical stabilisation; (d) repatriation, including travel and subsistence expenses where discharge or treatment occurs away from the home port; and (e) payment or reimbursement of wages during the period of treatment or until declaration of fitness or disability, as applicable.

(4) The policy shall be issued by — (a) an insurer registered with the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India, or (b) a mutual protection and indemnity association or club recognised by the Director-General for this purpose.

(5) The owner shall ensure that a Certificate of Insurance issued by the insurer is kept onboard the vessel and produced on demand to any proper officer or authority responsible for granting port clearance.

(6) No vessel shall proceed to sea unless a valid Certificate of Insurance is in force.

(7) Where the Certificate of Insurance is found to be expired, invalid or not covering the crew, the vessel may be detained until compliance is ensured, without prejudice to the penalty provided under Section 264(3) of the Act.

(8) The Director-General may issue guidelines specifying —

(a) minimum scope and conditions of insurance;

(b) model policy formats;

(c) procedures for verification during inspection and survey; and

(d) additional coverage for vessels operating beyond the Contiguous Zone or on voyages exceeding fourteen days.

(9) Until the Central Government issues the notification under sub-rule (2), the minimum compensation payable under the policy shall be not less than the amount payable under the Employees' Compensation Act, 1923, together with medical care and repatriation benefits as required under this rule.

SCHEDULE I
[See rules 2(p) & 43(6)]

Name of Port	Code Letters
1. KANDLA	KDL
2. BEDI (JAM NAGAR)	BDI
3. MUMBAI	MUM
4. MORMUGAO	MGO
5. MANGALORE	MNG
6. KOCHI	COK
7. TUTICORIN	TTN
8. CHENNAI	CHN
9. VISHAKHAPATNAM	VSP
10. PARADIP	PRDP
11. KOLKATA CAL	CAL
12. HALDIA	HLD
13. PORT BLAIR	PBL

SCHEDULE II
[See rule 26]

A. For open type vessels.

$$F=L+15D+17$$

B. For decked Kotias, brigs and dungies,

$$F=L+7D+8$$

C. For decked vessels other than Kotias, Brigs and Dungies.

$$F = L+8D+7$$

Where --

F = Free board in centimetres from top to permanent gunwale at side (for open sailing vessels) or top of deck at side amidships to the centre of the disc.

L = Length for free board in metres – $0.21K + 0.8LD$

LLK= Length of straight keel in metres between points where the line of stem and stern (extended downwards if necessary) meet the line of keel.

LD= Length of the vessel in metres from forepart of the stem to the after part of the stern post measured at the level of deck on centreline in the case of a

decked vessel and in the case of open vessels from where the line of permanent gunwale level, the measurement being taken in a straight line.

D=Depth of the vessel amidships in metres from top to keel to the top of free board deck at side in the decked vessels or top of permanent gunwale in open vessels.

Note- (i) Where depth "D" exceeds $L/6$, the difference in actual depth and $L/6$ will be added to the free board obtained by the relevant formulae.

(ii) The free board referred to above shall be free board in saltwater, the free board in fresh water of unit density shall be less than the free board in salt water by 5 centimetres.

(iii) Final free board shall be assigned with the addition of such amount of free board as the assigning authority may determine having regard to the classification, construction, construction, age and other conditions of the vessel.

(iv) The hatch coaming in decked vessel shall be at least 45 centimetres high and of substantial construction. Covers for hatchways openings shall be efficient with means of battening down weathertight.

(v) Sailing Vessels built prior to 1st January, 1961 and were specially built for carriage of logs having opening in the sides of the sailing vessel closed by temporary structures and having a depth less than $L/10$ may be assigned free board at $1/3$ of the free board obtained by formulae (A) provided that the temporary structure having a height of not less than $(25D + 30)$ Cms is constructed efficiently to the satisfaction of the surveying authority. Where the depth "D" of the vessel is more than $L/10$ or the height of the temporary structure at side is less than $(25D + 30)$ Cms or is not efficient the free board may be increased.

SCHEDULE III
[See rule 2(e)]

1) Arabian Sea

(a). Arabian sea along Makran coast and upto Okha (including Gulf of Kutchch) in Gujarat	01 st June to 31 st Aug	Foul
	01 st Sept. to 31 st May	Fair
(b) South of Okha in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Konkan coast along westward in Arabian sea	01 st June to 31 st Aug	Foul
	01 st Sept. to 31 st May	Fair
2) Western India (South of Karwar) and as far west as the line joining Aden & Berbera	16 th May to 15 th Sept.	Foul
	16 th Sept. to 15 th May	Fair

Note: - Persian Gulf, Red Sea and that portion of the Gulf of Aden, which lies westward of the line joining Aden and Berbera, shall be deemed to be a region of permanent fair weather.

(3) Gulf of Mannar and Sri Lanka coast	1 st Jan. to 15 th April	Fair
	16 th April to 31 st Aug.	Foul
	1 st Sept. to 31 st Oct.	Fair
	1 st Nov. to 31 st Dec	Foul
(4) Palk Bay	1 st Jan. to 15 th Apr.	Fair
	1 st Nov. to 31 st Dec.	Foul
(5) Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh		
(a) From Nagapattinam to Kakinada	1 st Jan. to 15 th Apr.	Fair
	15 th Apr. to 31 st July	Foul
	1 st Aug. to 15 th Oct.	Fair
	16 th Oct. to 31 st Dec	Foul
(b) From Kakinada to Ganjam on Odisha	16 th Apr. to 31 st July	Foul
	1 st Aug. to 15 th Oct.	Fair
	16 th Oct. to 15 th Nov	Foul
	16 th Nov. to 15 th Apr.	Fair
(6) Ganjam in Odisha, West Bengal, Bangladesh and Arakan in Myanmar	1 st Apr. to 15 th Aug.	Foul
	16 th Aug. to 30 th Sep.	Fair

	1 st Oct. to 15 th Nov.	Foul
	16 th Nov. to 31 st March	Fair
(7) Rest of Myanmar and	1 st May to 31 st Aug.	Foul
Andaman & Nicobar	1 st Sept. to 30 th April	Fair

Notwithstanding the seasons above, MSV operations during foul season (where permitted) shall strictly comply with DGS Order and any subsequent amendments, to be issued from time to time.

SCHEDULE IV
[See rule 2(i)]

Name of the port	Code	Issuing Authority
Gujarat		
Bedi (Jamnagar)	BDI	Regional Officer (Sails)
Okha	OKA	Registrar of Sailing Vessels
Porbander	PBR	Registrar of Sailing Vessels
Veraval	VRL	Registrar of Sailing Vessels
Jafrabad	JFD	Registrar of Sailing Vessels
Mandvi	MNV	Registrar of Sailing Vessels
Maharashtra		
Mumbai	MUM	Regional Officer (Sails)
Goa		
Mormugao	MGO	Registrar of Sailing Vessels
Karnataka		
Mangalore	MNG	Registrar of Sailing Vessels
Karwar	KWR	Registrar of Sailing Vessels
Lakshadweep		
Lakshadweep	UTL	Registrar of Sailing Vessels
Kerala		
Kozhikode	CLT	Registrar of Sailing Vessels
Kochi	CHN	Registrar of Sailing Vessels
Tamil Nadu		
Tuticorin	TTN	Regional Officer (Sails)
Nagapattinam	NGM	Registrar of Sailing Vessels
Andaman and Nicobar		
Port Blair	PBL	Registrar of Sailing Vessels

SCHEDULE V

Fees

- | | | |
|--------|--|----------------------|
| 1.(1) | For initial registry | --Rs.1 per ton gross |
| (2) | For registry of alternations | --Rs. 25 |
| (3) | For transfer registry | --Rs. 50 |
| (4) | For registry of transfer of ownership or interest | --Rs. 50 |
| (5) | For registry of mortgage | --Rs. 25 |
| (6) | For change of name of vessel | --Rs. 25 |
| (7) | For provisional certificate of registry or extra thereof | --Rs. 25 |
| (8) | For duplicate or certified copy or for extra copy | --Rs. 25 |
| (9) | For duplicate copy of certificate of registry | --Rs. 25 |
| 2.(1) | For first measurement for determining tonnage | |
| (i) | For vessels under 50 tons gross | --Rs.100 |
| (ii) | For vessels 50 tons gross and above but under 100 tons gross. | --Rs.250 |
| (iii) | For vessels 100 tons gross and above. | --Rs.400 |
| (2) | For re-measurement | --half the above fee |
| 3.(1) | For assignment of free board | --Rs.600 |
| (2)(a) | For grant of an inspection certificate to a sailing vessels not fitted with engine | |
| (i) | Vessel not exceeding 50 tons gross. | --Rs.50 |
| (ii) | For vessels 50 tons gross and above but not exceeding 100 tons gross | --Rs.100 |
| (iii) | For vessels of 100 tons gross and above but not exceeding 150 tons gross | --Rs.150 |
| (iv) | For vessels 150 tons gross and above. | --Rs.250 |

- (b) For grant of and inspection certificate of vessel. --Rs.250
 Fitted with an engine --addition of Rs.50
- (c)(i) For inspection of vessels for the purpose
 of rule 31 (1) --Rs.250
- (ii) For the purpose of inspection and tests under
 rule 31(2) --Rs.250
- (d) For a duplicate copy of inspection certificate --Rs.10
- 4. For issue of identity cards
 - (1) For issue of fresh identity card --Rs.25
 - (2) For issue of a duplicate identity card --
 Rs.20
 - (3) For renewal of identity card. --Rs.25

SCHEDULE VI



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

CONTINUOUS SYNOPSIS RECORD (CSR)

DOCUMENT NO: *DGS/CSR/000-NO.1*

FOR SAILING VESSEL

	Information	
1	Name of vessel:	
2	Port of registration: Official No:	
3.	Call Sign/MMSI No.	
4.	Name of current registered owner(s): Registered address(es):	
5.	Name of previous owner(s) Address:	
6.	Administration/Government/Recognized Security Organization which issued Vessel Security Plan:	
7.	Remarks	

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT this record is correct in all respects

Issued by: *DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING-*

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Place and Date of issue : *MUMBAI, 2008/00/00*

Signature of authorized person:.....

Name of authorized person:

APPENDIX
[See rule 2(g)]

Form SV	-	1
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Form	-	C
Form	-	D
Form	-	E

FORM SV 1

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION FOR A SAILING
VESSEL (See rule 22)**

Issued by the Govt. of India

To,

The Registrar at the port of _____

Sir,

I hereby apply for an inspection certificate for the vessel described below. The necessary fee of Rs. _____ is enclosed.

Date this _____ day of _____ 20__.

Yours faithfully,

Owner or Tindal

PARTICULARS OF VESSEL

Name and Number of vessel or not	Description of vessel	Tonnage		When and where built	Whether fitted with auxiliary engine
		Gross	Net		

1	2	3	4	5	6
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Usual Employment of vessel	Name and Address of owner	Nature of of Inspection	Date of proposed inspection	Place of Inspection
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FORM SV 2 DEFECT LIST

[See rule 17(i)]

Issued by the Govt. of India

To

The Owner/Tindal of sailing vessel.....

No..... of the port of.....

Sir,

I have inspected the above vessel in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Sailing Vessels) Rules, 2017, the following repairs are required to make good the defects: -

Hull.....

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Equipments.....

.....

Engines.....

Yours faithfully

SURVEYOR

Dated.....

FORM SV 3

CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION OF A SAILING VESSEL

(See rules 2(c) & 33)

Issued by the Govt. of India

Name and description of vessel	Port of Registry and Official No.	Tonnage ----- Gross Net	Name & Address of Owner
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THIS IS TO CERTIFY:

I. That the above mentioned vessel has been duly inspected in accordance with the provision of the Merchant Shipping (Sailing Vessels) Rules, 2025.

II. That the Life Saving Appliances provide for a total number of _____ persons, viz: _____ life-boats/boats capable of supporting _____ persons; _____ buoyant apparatus capable of supporting _____ persons; _____ life jackets; _____ life buoys.

III. That the inspection showed that the vessel's hull, rigging, fire appliances and other equipment are in good condition and that she is provided with navigation lights and shapes, and means of making sound signals and distress signals in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at sea.

IV. That the auxiliary engines have been inspected and found to be in working/not working order.

The complete inspection is due on or before the _____ 20__

*strike out inapplicable words

FURTHER PARTICULARS

Freeboard*

Maximum Number of Crew and Passenger

Crew Passenger

PARTICULARS OF AUXILLARY ENGINE AS SUPPLIED BY MANUFACTURERS
OR OWNER

Make fuel used	Description	B.H.P	Nature of
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Usual trading limits:

Restriction on trading limits if any, and terms and conditions thereof: (State also whether trading should be restricted or not to fair reason)

Name of Tindal:

Registrar of Sailing Vessels

THIS CERTIFICATE UNLESS PREVIOUSLY CANCELLED, SHALL REMAIN IN
FORCE UNTIL THEDAY OF.....20____.

*this Columns shall be left blank, if the vessel has been issued with a load line certificate in compliance of section 142(e) of the Act.

MANDATORY ANNUAL SURVEY

This is to certify that the above sailing vessel has been surveyed in accordance with the provision 18(ii) of the Merchant Shipping (Sailing Vessels) rules, 2025.

SIGNATURE OF SURVEYOR

Issued at _____ the ____ day of _____ 20

MANDATORY ANNUAL SURVEY

This is to Certify that the above sailing vessel has been surveyed in accordance with the Provision 18(ii) of the Merchant Shipping (Sailing Vessels) rules, 2025.

SIGNATURE OF SURVEYOR

Issued at _____ the ____ day of _____ 20

ADDITIONAL ENDORSEMENT IF ANY:

(Viz Change of Ownership/Tindel/Engine/No. of Crew/Loadline etc.)

SIGNATURE OF SURVEYOR

Issued at _____ the ____ day of _____ 20

CHANGE OF TINDEL:

Name of Tindel: _____ Identity Card
No. _____

SIGNATURE OF SURVEYOR

Issued at _____ the ____ day of _____ 20

CHANGE OF TINDEL:

Name of Tindel: _____ Identity Card
No. _____

SIGNATURE OF SURVEYOR

Issued at _____ the ____ day of _____ 20

FORM SV 4

[See rule 33]

Half-yearly return of certificate of inspection of sailing vessels port of.....

Issued by the Govt. of India

Name of SV Official No.	Port of registry	Tonnage Gross Net	Whether fitted with auxiliary engine	Vessel's usual & trading limits
1	2	3 4	5	6

Restrictions on trading limits if any, terms, conditions thereof	Date of Issue of Cert of Inspection	Date on which complete inspection of engine is due	Date of Expiry of Cert of Inspection	No. of passengers if any, certified and to be verified
7	8	9	10	11

Date.....

To

Director General of Shipping,
Mumbai

Registrar of sailing vessels

IN DUPLICATE

FORM A

[See rules 43 & 44]

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT/IDENTITY CARD UNDER THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (SAILING VESSELS) RULES, 2025.

To, The Issuing Authority, Port of _____

I, the undersigned hereby apply for a permit/identity card as a certificate of identity as a Tindal/Member of the crew on a sailing vessel in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Sailing Vessels) Rules, 2025

Full Name in BLOCK LETTERS and Present Address: _____

Age and date of birth: _____

Place of birth, District: _____

Permanent address, State: _____

Father's name and address: _____

Nationality: _____

Religion: _____

Height: _____

Colour of hair and eyes: _____

Marks of identification: _____

Full name, relationship and address of next of kin

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Village/Thana: _____

Post Office: _____

District: _____

State: _____

Particulars of any existing or previous ID card (if none, say none):

Particulars of passport: _____

Whether any previous application has been made for the issue of an identity card:

Signature or L.H.T impression of applicant

Witness: We hereby certify that we know the applicant and that the particulars furnished by him are true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

(1) Signature,
Name in Block Letters,
Address _____

(2) Signature,
Name in Block Letters,
Address _____

Application forwarded to an examiner in compliance of rule 44 (4) towards assessment of qualification and experience for issuance of tindal permit.

To,

The Examiner,

MMD,

Signature,

(name)

stamp & date of transferring officer,
registrar of a sailing vessel

Report of examiner for issuance of tindal permit

Signature,

(name)

stamp & date of MMD

examiner

(TO BE FILLED IN BY THE OFFICER AUTHORISED TO ISSUE IDENTITY CARDS)

*A Permit/An Identity Card has already been issued to the applicant. The particulars thereof as stated below:

No. with Port Code Letters:

Date of Issue:.....

Date of Expiry:.....

*No Permit/Identity Card has been issued to the applicant for the following reasons:

*Delete entry not applicable.

The above photo should be authenticated by impressing the official seal and signature of the Issuing Authority which should be partly on the photograph.

Reason for declining

Signature of Issuing Authority with date.....

Designation.....

Port.....

I have received the Permit/Identity Card as described above, with my photograph affixed and authenticated

Signature or Left-Hand Thump Impression of Applicant
Date.....

FORM B

[See rule 43(6)]

IDENTITY CARD / TINDAL PERMIT

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA — MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

IDENTITY CARD

Issued under the Merchant Shipping (Sailing Vessels) Rules, 2025

Name:

Identity Card No.:

(Note:- The serial number shall be proceeded by code letters identifying the port of issue).



The above photo should be authenticated by impressing the official seal of the issuing authority partly on the photo and on the book and by affixing signature of the issuing officer.

Valid up to_____

Issued under the authority of Government of India

Issuing Authority: Signature

Name

Date

Place

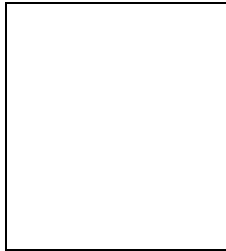
TINDAL PERMIT

Issued under the Merchant Shipping (Sailing Vessels) Rules, 2025

Name:

Identity Card No.:

(Note:- The serial number shall be proceeded by code letters identifying the port of issue).



The above photo should be authenticated by impressing the official seal of the issuing authority partly on the photo and on the book and by affixing signature of the issuing officer.

Valid up to _____

Issued under the authority of Government of India

Issuing Authority: Signature

Name

Date

Place

FORM C

[Rule 48]

MONTHLY RETURN RELATING TO IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED UNDER THE
MERCHANT SHIPPING (SAILING VESSELS) RULES, 2025 AT THE PORT
OF..... FOR THE MONTHS OF.....20__

Permits/Identity Cards renewed during the month

Code No. of Permit/Identity Card	Holder's Full Name	Date of renewal of Permit/Identity card
1	2	3

Permits/Identity Cards cancelled or suspended during the month

Code No	Holder's Name	Whether cancelled or suspended	Reason for cancellation/suspension	Period of suspension
1	2	3	4	5

Suspended Permits/Identity Cards re-issued during the month

Code No.	Name of Holder	Date when permit/Identity card was suspended	Date of issue

Duplicate copies of Permits/Identity Cards issued during the month

Code Number	Name of Holder	Date of issue	Reasons given by Holder for request for re-issue	Whether original copy withdrawn from Holder
1	2	3	4	5

(Signature).....

(Designation).....

(Port).....

FORM D

[Rule 48]

REGISTER OF PERMITS/IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED TO TINDALS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CREW OF THE SAILING VESSELS

Code Number of Permit/Identity Card.....

Date of Issue.....

Period of Validity

Issuing Authority

Name of person to whom permit/Identity card has been issued	Father's name	Date of birth	Place of birth	Religion and Nationality	Permanent address	Full name and full address of next of kin
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Description of Holder

Remarks*

1.Height

2.Colour of Eyes

3. Colour of Hair

Distinguishing Marks (if any)

*If permit or identity card is cancelled/suspended, the date of such cancellation/suspension and reasons and, in the case of suspension, the period of suspension should be entered therein.

FORM E

[Rule 49]

Name of Vessel _____ Official No. and Port of Registry _____

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The owner or tindal of a vessel shall file a copy of the statement of the crew of the vessel with the registrar of the port where the vessel is registered.
2. Every change in the personnel of the crew shall be recorded in the statement of the crew and the statement maintained up-to-date. Every such change shall be communicated to the registrar as soon as possible.

Sl No.	Full Name of members of crew including Tindals	Permanent address	Age at the time of recruitment	No. Date and Port of Issue of Identity-card	Capacity in which engaged	Date and place of engagement	Monthly wages**
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

****Note:** If remuneration or wages are paid otherwise than on monthly basis the amount of wages which the owner/tindal considers as monthly wages shall be stated.

Name and Relationship of Next of kin and Address	Signature or left thumb impression of the crew	Signature or left thumb impression of owner or Tindal	Discharge from vessel			Signature and Designation of attending officer	Remarks
			Date	Place	Cause		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

I hereby declare that the particulars furnished above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature or left thumbs impression of Owner/Tindal.

Date.....at.....