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Regarding Coastal Vessels (CV) and River Sea Vessels (RSV) during adverse weather conditions / cyclonic weather conditions.

Whereas, the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, aims to ensure safety at sea and environment protection. Considering coastal shipping industry reservation, that high operation and construction cost of ships was a major impediment to its growth. Therefore, in order to reduce construction and operational cost of the coastal ships, both Coastal Vessel Rules Notification, 2014 (D.G. Order 1/2014) and River Sea Vessel Notification, 2013 (D.G. Order 18/2013) were introduced to promote the growth of the coastal shipping industry, by moderating the applicable rules to the coastal vessels, without compromising safety and environmental protection.

2. Coastal Vessels and River Sea Vessels registered under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, have restricted operational conditions, based upon which they have been exempted from certain requirements of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958.
3. During investigation of maritime casualties that occurred during Cyclone Tauktae, it has been observed that some Coastal Vessels and River Sea Vessels registered under the M.S Act, 1958, sustained damages due to adverse weather conditions.
4. In view of the above, it is imperative that during adverse weather conditions, including cyclonic conditions, owners and/or master of Coastal Vessels and River Sea Vessels, should ensure that the vessels remain well clear of the storm area and the cyclone path, and that the vessels remain in safe waters at all times during such conditions.
5. Owner and/or master of Coastal Vessels and River Sea Vessels, should be guided by the weather reports issued by the IMD and/or by other such departments, and take adequate safety measures to ensure safety of lives, vessel and environment protection at all times.

6. In addition, prior onset of Cyclonic weather, Owners and/or Operators shall intimate DG Commcentre of any High-Risk vessel around the Cyclone area, and take necessary action to clear the vessel from the area well in time.

This is for information and compliance by all stakeholders.



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To:

1. All Stakeholders (Shipowners, operators, Charterers, Seafarers, etc.) through DGS website
2. INSA, Mumbai
3. ICSSA, Mumbai