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Government of India  
Ministry of Agriculture  
(Department of Animal Husbandry Dairying & Fisheries)  
**Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training (CIFNET)**  
**Foreshore Road, Cochin-16**

F.No. 1-5/2008 Trg

15<sup>th</sup> November, 2010

To

**All Shipping Companies**

**Sub: Request for the Issue of Appointment / Sponsoring letter for Bachelor of Fishery Science (NAUTICAL SCIENCE) of CIFNET as Nautical Deck Cadets for enabling them to apply for CDC-reg**

**Ref: 1. DGS order 1 of 2010 dated 30.03.2010**  
**2. MS Notice 21 of 2008 dated 16.10.2008**

Sir,

CIFNET is a Central Govt. institute under Ministry of Agriculture, New Delhi. We are conducting four year (8 semester) degree course namely BfSc (NAUTICAL SCIENCE) affiliated to Cochin University of Science & Technology (CUSAT) and recognized by UGC. It is an integrated course comprising of Theoretical classes with maximum thrust on Nautical Science and onboard practical training. Hence they have good practical exposure to sea and navigational practices and duties onboard. They are sailing onboard for a minimum period of 120 days during their course. The course is approved by DG Shipping to sail as Nautical Deck Cadets without any further Pre-Sea training except four STCW modular courses. The above information is promulgated as per the letters cited under reference (copies enclosed).

As per DGS order 1 of 2010, in order to obtain the CDC the following requirements are mandatory.

1. BfSc(Nautical Science) Degree
2. Four STCW modular courses.
3. **Appointment /sponsoring letter from Indian Shipping Companies/Recruitment and Placement of Seafares (RPS) Agents.**

Considering the above facts, it is requested that our students may please be considered for issuing of appointment/sponsoring letter as **Nautical Deck Cadets** on the Shipping company of your esteemed organization so as to enable them for **applying for CDC** as per DGS order cited above and may please be posted on the ships operated by you so that they can obtain the required sea service to appear for Certificate of Competency exam. It is further informed that as per the M.S. Notice under reference, they become eligible to appear for Second Mate (FG) on completion of 15 months of qualifying sea service.

On receipt of a favourable reply from your end we will be furnishing the details of the passed out students for further action. A kind reply is solicited in this regard.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-  
**DIRECTOR**

Encl:

1. DGS order 1 of 2010 dated 30.03.2010
2. MS Notice 21 of 2008 dated 16.10.2008

## DGS Order No. 1 of 2010

NO:CR/CDC/13/2009.

31st March, 2010

Sub: Issue of CDC to Bachelor of Fisheries Science (Nautical Science) conducted by CIFNET.

Whereas Rule 5 of Merchant Shipping (Continuous Discharge Certificate-cum-Seafarer's Identity Document) Rules, 2001, prescribes the issue of Continuous Discharge Certificate-cum-Seafarer's Identity Document to the certificated officers.

Whereas to generate qualified officers in a shorter period and to reduce lead time to produce such qualified officers, it was felt necessary that horizontal induction from the available human resources takes place at higher academic level qualification.

Whereas taking into account the above factors, this Directorate notified Merchant Shipping (M.S.) Notice 21 of 2008 dated 16.10.2008 for Graduate Entry Scheme as Nautical Deck Cadet.

Whereas under Para 2.4 of M.S. Notice 21 of 2008 prescribed the entry qualification as 50% marks in aggregate in four years Degree Course in Bachelor of Fisheries Science (Nautical Science) conducted by Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training (CIFNET) affiliated to University and recognized by University Grants Commission and 50% marks in English either at 10<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> or at Graduation level as per Para 2.5.

Whereas under Para 6.2 of [M.S. Notice 21 of 2008](#) specified that entrant from Para 2.4 streams are exempted from pre-sea training requirement. However, they are required to complete four basic Modular Courses under STCW 95.

Whereas in order to gain sea time requirement on board Indian ships a cadet is required to be in possession of Continuous Discharge Certificate-cum-Seafarer's Identity Document (CDC).

Now, therefore, the Director-General of Shipping and ex-officio Additional Secretary to the Government of India, exercising the powers conferred by Clause (1) of Section 456 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 read with notification issued by the Government of India vide S.O.No. 3144 dated 17<sup>th</sup> December 1960 delegating the said power to him, is pleased to extend the provisions of Rule 5 of the Merchant Shipping (Continuous Discharge Certificate-cum-Seafarer's Identity Document) Rules, 2001 to such candidates who have passed and secured 50% marks in aggregate in four years Degree Course in Bachelor of Fisheries Science (Nautical Science) conducted by Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training (CIFNET) affiliated to Cochin University of Science & Technology and recognized by University Grants Commission and have completed four basic Modular Courses under STCW 95 to enable them to obtain an Indian Continuous Discharge Certificate-cum-Seafarer's Identity Document (CDC) of 10 years validity period as prescribed under the M.S. (CDC) Rules, 2001 as Deck Cadet subject to the condition that they produce a letter of appointment/sponsoring letter from Indian Shipping Companies / Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers (RPS) Agents.

Sd/-

(Lakshmi Venkatachalam)  
Director-General of Shipping &  
ex-officio Addl. Secretary to the  
Government of India.

**Subject : Graduates Entry Scheme as Nautical Deck Cadets**

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1. Preamble:

This Directorate, being aware of the cyclic nature of the shipping trade and industry, has initiated proactive and pragmatic measures to deal with the current and future needs of the industry at large and seafarers in particular.

Taking note of the BIMCO report and its projections from global shortage of sea-going officers, it is felt that this void can be effectively filled in by the Indian Officers provided innovative training schemes are put in place such that we are able to create qualified officers in a shorter period without any compromise on the quality and standards of competence.

These measures shall be helpful in overcoming the acute shortage of officers on Indian flag ships as well as supplement the requirement of International Shipping. Needless to mention that it will help generate and enhance the employment potential for Indian Nationals as seafaring officers in the Global Shipping Industry including Indian flag ships and the National Shipping Industry.

In order to reduce the lead time to produce such qualified officers, it is necessary that horizontal induction from the available human resources takes place at higher academic level qualification. This method will help to generate qualified officers in a shorter period.

Taking into account the above factors, this Directorate notifies the following Graduate Entry Schemes:

2. Entry Qualification :

2.1. This scheme is open to the candidates sponsored by Indian shipping companies or those sponsored by recruitment and placement service providers (RPS), who are duly registered with the Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai.

2.2. A Science graduate having 50% marks in aggregate from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission; or

2.3. 50% marks in aggregate in B.E. or B. Tech Degree from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission, or

2.4. 50% marks in aggregate in four years Degree Course in Bachelor of Fisheries Science (Nautical Science) conducted by Central Institute of Fisheries Nautical and Engineering Training (CIFNET) affiliated to University and recognized by University Grants Commission.  
AND

2.5. 50% marks in English either at 10<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> or at graduation level.

3. Age Criteria:

As on the date of commencement of the course-Maximum 25 years.

Medical fitness:

As per Merchant Shipping (Medical Examination) Rules, 2000 as amended from time to time

Eye sight and Colour vision:

As per Merchant Shipping (Medical Examination) Rules, 2000 as amended from time to time.

Pre-sea training:

6.1. Duration 6 months including basic STCW courses as approved by the Director General of Shipping.

6.2. Entrant from para 2.4 stream are exempted from pre-sea training requirement. However, they are required to complete four basic Modular Courses under STCW 95.

Sea time requirement:

Structured Shipboard Training Programme of not less than 15 months which meets the requirements of section A-II/1 of the STCW Code and is documented in an approved training record book, including Bridge watch keeping duties under the supervision of the master or a qualified officer for a period of not less than 6 months.

Competency course:

On completion of sea service requirement as stated under para 7 candidates are required, to undertake preparatory course of 4 months duration before appearing for their written examination.

9. Advanced Modular courses:

All Modular courses required for the award of Certificate of Competency as Second Mate of a foreign-going ship, i.e. AFF, PSCRB, MFA, ROC, ARPA and GMDSS-GOC.

10. Written examination:

Candidates are required to appear and successfully pass in all subjects as specified for Second Mate foreign going (i.e. six papers in the three functions).

11. Oral examination:

Candidates are required to appear and successfully pass in all three functions.

12. Certification:

On completion of the written and oral examination including the required modular courses as per the requirement of the META Manual Volume I and II, candidates will be awarded Certificate of Competency as Second Mate of a foreign going ship (Officer In-charge of a Navigational Watch) on board ships of 500 gross tons or more as per the provisions of regulation II/1 of STCW 1978 as amended.

This issues with the approval of the Director General of Shipping.

Sd/-

(Capt. J. S. Uppal)

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-cum-Senior Deputy Director General (Technical)

[Please see the attached flow chart.](#)