

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With consistent efforts and perseverance, once again National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) has been successful to persuade the Maritime Administration, Govt. of India to remove the **Restriction on Hospitality CDC**. This CDC had restriction to work on cruise vessels only.

With The DGS order No 06 of 2018, the restricted hospitality CDC holders can cancel their prevailing CDC “who wish to do so” and apply for fresh Indian CDC without restrictions under Merchant Shipping (CDC) rules, 2017. Our seafarers are happy at this development as it has opened for them more chances of getting gainful employment. Enclosed is also the DGS order No. 06 of 2018 for your guidance. You are advised to give maximum publicity to this to enable a large number of our cruise seafarers to benefit from the efforts of NUSI.

Long Live NUSI

Long Live Seafarers Unity

Yours faithfully,

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Subject: Indian CDC restricted to work as hospitality crew on cruise vessels-
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The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) has received a number of representations from Indian seafarers holding Indian CDC restricted to work on cruise vessels. Requests have been made for removal of restriction in the CDC or permission for cancellation of such CDC so that they could apply afresh under the new CDC Rules, 2017.

2. The CDCs with restriction to work on cruise vessels only were issued under the old Merchant Shipping (CDC) Rules, 2001, read with Directorate General of Shipping Order No. 8 of 2013 (F.No.CR/CDC (Special)/2013 dated 22.03.2013 to facilitate those who were opted for a career in the hospitality department of a cruise vessel, even though they were otherwise not eligible for grant of Indian CDC.

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3. The Merchant Shipping (CDC) Rules, 2017 which have come into force w.e.f. 14.01.2018 has reduced the minimum eligibility criteria for grant of CDC to 10th Standard pass and 5 STCW courses. The new CDC also does not contain the category or rank of seafarers.

4. It is therefore decided that such seafarers who are holding restricted CDC issued under M.S (CDC) Rules 2001 to work only on cruise vessels and are eligible for grant of CDC under the new Merchant Shipping (CDC) Rules 2017 may apply to the Shipping Master concerned for cancellation of their CDCs and grant of fresh CDC under Merchant Shipping (CDC) Rules, 2017.



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