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MARINE SAFETY ADVISORY No. 14-22

To: Owners/Operators, Masters, Nautical Inspectors, Recognized Organizations

Subject: NON-OPERATIONAL AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM ON SHIPS IN INDIAN WATERS

Date: 22 June 2022 (renewed 22 June 2023)

The Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) of India has recently issued [DGS Order No.15 of 2022](#). It clarifies that if the Automatic Identification System (AIS) is switched off or non-operational on any ship in or transiting through Indian waters, the Master must notify the nearest Indian Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) and the Indian Administration's DGCOMM Centre.

Indian Administration's DGCOMM Centre contact information:

- E-mail: dgcommcentre-dgs@nic.in
- Phones: +91 (22) 2261 4646
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Additionally, relevant entry to the ship's logbook must be made. Failure to do so will result in:

- Interception and detention of the vessel.
- Vessel to be imposed a fine.
- Possibility of legal action against the Master and owners of the ship.

More information can be found in the DGS Order.

All Republic of the Marshall Islands-flagged vessels must comply with the above requirement.

This MSA is evaluated annually by the Administrator and expires one year after its issuance or renewal unless otherwise noted, superseded, or revoked.