

MUMBAI PORT TRUST
MARINE DEPARTMENT

No. DC/C-SH/2557

Date: 17th May 2012.

To:

1. ALL CONCERNED.
2. ALL SHIP OWNERS/OPERATORS/MANAGERS/CHARTERERS.
3. ALL BARGE OPERATORS/OWNERS/MANAGERS/CHARTERERS.
4. TUG BOAT OWNERS, OPERATORS, MANAGERS, CHARTERERS
5. MANSA/INSA.
6. ALL PORT USERS.
7. ONGC/SCI (OSV DIVISION)
8. ALL IV BARGE OWNERS/OPERATORS/MANAGERS/CHARTERERS.

Sub: Safety of vessels inside Mumbai harbour.

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It has been observed that there are several crafts such as dumb barges, tug boats, self-propelled barges, OSVs, other small crafts which are anchored in Mumbai harbour which do not adhere to safety norms. The vessels which are fitted engines are unable to get them operational or are not operational. Besides, many of them are under repairs where the engines are immobilized. This is not the safe working practice and is detrimental to the safety of the vessel, other vessels in the vicinity, the Port and the environment. Some of the vessels inspected have been found to have insufficient crew, inadequate manning of the accepted norms laid down in the ISM Code of safety management.

2. Every vessel which is in Mumbai harbour needs to be effectively manned by certified officers and crew as per the ISM Code of safety management and safe manning. No vessel is allowed to be immobilized unless there is a tug of suitable horse power which can manoeuvre the vessel independently and maintain her in a safe position secured alongside the vessel. Dumb barges irrespective of their size, or being I.V. vessels need to positively have a tug of suitable BHP and manoeuvring capability alongside the vessel especially, in the case of crane barges and oil barges. All vessels which are self-propelled, need to provide the Port with a letter stating that the vessel is properly manned as per the recommendations of safe manning and management under the ISM Code and that the engines are operational and can be activated in such a time to avoid dragging of anchor or creating any untoward incident.

3. The above conditions are being promulgated in order to ensure the safety and integrity of Mumbai Port and all the vessels in the Mumbai harbour.

(Capt. V.V.A. Pereira)
HARBOUR MASTER