

Circular no: MIDPL/TC/03/2022

Date: 14 Apr 2022

To:
Shipping Agents/Lines,
MIDPL Kattupalli Port

Dear Sirs,

**Subject: Usage of Thuraya, Iridium and other such Satellite
Communication set in Indian Waters**

It has come to the notice of MIDPL Kattupalli Port that some ships are still using Thuraya, Iridium and other such Satellite Phones which are banned for usage in Indian waters. All agents are advised to inform Vessels calling under their agency to ensure strict compliance of DGS Order No. 02 of 2012, Circular No. 48-NT (1)/2012 dated 17.05.2012

For ease of reference above mentioned circular is enclosed herewith

For MIDPL Kattupalli Port



PFSO & Head Marine Services
Marine Infrastructure Developer Pvt Ltd.

Capt. Aditya Gaur,
PFSO & HOD – Marine Services

CC: CEO Desk

DGS Order No. 02 of 2012

No:48-NT(1)/2012

Dated: 17.05.2012

Subject: Usage of Thuraya, Iridium and other such Satellite Communication in Indian Waters.

The Directorate is receipt of letter from Ministry of Shipping, along with copy of MHA fax message No. 122014/HS/2011 dated 12/9/2011 on the above subject.

2. The use of Thuraya, Iridium and other such Satellite phone is banned in India under Sec 6 of Indian Wireless Act and Sec 20 of Indian Telegraph Act. It is intimated to all Shipping companies / Shipping agents that use of Thuraya, Iridium and other such Satellite is banned in Indian waters and seafarers should not us the same.
3. Satellite phones can be used only after a no objection certificate is issued by Department of Telecommunications (DOT) on a case to case basis.
4. The shipping agents should mandatorily intimate the details of person carrying Thuraya and the particulars of Thuraya, Iridium and other such sets in Pre Arrival Notification on Security (PANS).
5. The unauthorized holder of Thuraya, Iridium and other such Satellite phone can be prosecuted under Sec 6 of Indian Wireless Act and Sec 20 of Indian Telegraph Act.
6. Above may please be circulated amongst your members for larger benefit of awareness.

This issues with approval of Director General of Shipping.

Sd/-
(K. H. Mehta)
Sr. Radio Surveyor