

To,
Shipping Agents,
MPSAA- Gandhidham / Mundra.

September 4th 2015

Trade Notice No.07/2015: Usage of 'Thuraya, Iridium' and other such Satellite based Communication set in Indian Waters.

Dear Sir,

This has reference to DG Shipping circular no. 18NT(04)/2007/PT dated 6th Sept 2012 and Immigration office circular, Kandla dated 19 Sep 2012 on the subject. The use of Thuraya and Iridium satellite phone has been banned in Indian waters.

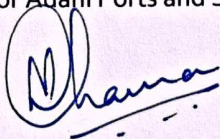
The port has been informed by the Police department that several ships continue to use using these satellite phones when in Indian waters. All agents are advised to inform ships coming under their agency to ensure strict compliance of the above mentioned circulars.

All vessels are henceforth required to provide the following details prior their arrival to Mundra along with Pre arrival Notification on Security (PANS).

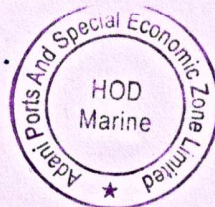
1. Does the vessel have Thuraya / Iridium or any other such sets? : (Yes / No).
 - a. Date / Time / Location when the Thuraya/Iridium phone was last used:
 - b. Date / Time / Location when the Thuraya/Iridium phone will be switched off :
 - c. Phone no :
 - d. Model name and no :
 - e. Service Provider / Operator name :
 - f. IMEI no:
 - g. UID no :
2. All vessels are required to switch off their Thuraya / Iridium phones prior entering into the Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and keep it switched off till the vessel is out of the Indian EEZ.

The above requirement will come into force from 05th September 2015.

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No:48-NT(1)/2012

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Subject: Usage of Thuraya, Irridium 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, Irridium 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, Irridium and other such Satellite is banned in Indian waters and seafarers should not use 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, Irridium and other such sets in Pre Arrival Notification on Security (PANS).
5. The unauthorized holder of Thuraya, Irridium 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/-
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