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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SHIPPING, MUMBAI

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**DGS Circular No. 05 of 2021**  
(Shipping Development)

**Sub.: Clarification to DGS Circular 02 of 2021 dated 14.01.2021 on Guidelines for exercise of Right of First Refusal-grant of license to foreign flag vessels.**

Whereas, DGS Circular 02 of 2021 dated 14.01.2021 was issued on the Guidelines for exercise of Right of First Refusal-grant of license to foreign flag vessels.

2. Whereas a doubt has been raised on implementation of para 21.3.4, read with para 21, 21.3.1 and 21.3.2 of said circular.
3. Whereas a need has been felt to clarify the grant of ROFR including the order of preference therein to avoid any ambiguity at the implementation stage.
4. Now therefore it is clarified that the intent of Para 21 read with Para 21.3 is that 'the Right of First Refusal' shall under all circumstances, whether the bidder is a foreigner or an entity registered outside India or a citizen of India or company registered in India or society registered in India, shall be offered to the vessels mentioned in Para 21.3.4 of DGS Circular 02 of 2021 dated 14.01.2021, in the same order as mentioned in the said Para.
5. Further, the following para shall be added as proviso 3 to para 21.3.4. as under:

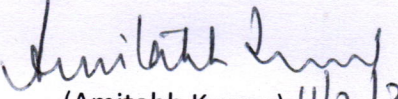
"3. Where a bidder offering a vessel not falling within the categories specified in para 21.3.4 gives an undertaking to convert such vessel to the categories specified in para 21.3.4 (a) or (b) prior to commencement of operations but later than the price bid opening, such vessel can be considered only when and if a bidder offering any vessel falling within the categories specified in para 21.3.4 has failed to match the lowest price. In such event the tender-awarding authority shall incorporate deterrent penalties in the award of tender to ensure that the bidder giving the undertaking will convert the vessel to any of categories specified in para 21.3.4 (a) or (b) before commencement of operations as undertaken."

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6. The other terms and conditions as mentioned in DGS Circular 02 of 2021 dated 14.01.2021 shall remain same.

  
(Amitabh Kumar) 11/2/21

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3. Indian Private Ports and Terminals Association.
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