

## Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata. श्यामा प्रसाद मुखर्जी पोर्ट, कोलकाता



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समुद्री विभाग/Marine Department तारीख /Date: May 13<sup>th</sup> 2021

**All Port Users** 

Association of Shipping Interest in Calcutta (ASIC)

All Ship Operators, Owners, Managers Manning Agents and Charterers of all types of vessels.

Master of all vessels visiting/intending to visit Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata. All Shipping Agents

<u>Sub: Usage of Thuraya/Irridum and other such Satellite Communication in Indian waters.</u>

With reference to DGS order No.2 of 2012 dated 17.05.2012 (Cir no: 48 NT(1)/ 2012 and subsequent advisory by Indian Navy, it has been informed that vessels in and around Kolkata/ Haldia Ports are still using Thuraya, Irridum and other such Satellite Communication system in Indian waters, which is prohibited by the above mentioned DGS Order.

The following may be noted for compliance:-

- A) All kinds of satellite communications enabled voice telephony including Thuraya Transmission is Prohibited by law, while passing through Indian waters and no vessel should use Thuraya/ Irridum satellite phones even while passing through Indian waters.
- B) All shipping agents/ Shipping Companies/ Masters to declare all kinds of Satellite equipment fitted on Board their vessels/ carried by them and declare the same in their PANS.
- C) Resort to use of only email terminal in lieu of the telephony terminal of Satellite Communication system in Indian Territorial waters.

All Ship Masters/ Owners/ Agents are directed to ensure that the above are strictly complied with and to bring to the notice of crew members, not to use any type of satellite phones while passing through Indian waters.

(Capt. Amit Kapoor)
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