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**Subject: Advisory to Indian Seafarers and Shipping Stakeholders in view of MEA
Advisory on Iran – reg.**

Reference is made to the advisory issued by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on 14.01.2026, wherein Indian nationals have been strongly advised to avoid travel to Iran until further notice, citing the deteriorating security situation and continuing protests in the country. Further, the Embassy of India, Tehran, has advised Indian citizens currently in Iran to leave the country at the earliest, using available means of transport, including commercial flights, as conveyed through its official communication and social media advisory. Copy of the same is enclosed.

2. In view of the above, all Indian seafarers, RPSL companies, shipping companies, trade unions, and maritime stakeholders, including INSA, FOSMA, MASSA, etc., are strongly advised to closely monitor the safety, security, and status of Indian crew members onboard vessels operating in Iranian waters or nearby regions. Indian seafarers currently in Iran are advised to strictly follow the advisories issued by the Embassy of India, Tehran, and MEA from time to time. Additionally, all RPSL companies and shipping companies are hereby advised not to deploy or send Indian seafarers to Iran until further orders.
3. Further, all Indian-flagged vessels and Indian seafarers on foreign flag vessels calling at ports of Iran or transiting through the Strait of Hormuz are advised to exercise utmost caution while operating in or navigating through the region, keeping in view the prevailing security situation.
4. Indian seafarers presently in Iran awaiting joining vessels or waiting for wages or safe repatriation after their sign off to India are requested to:
 - a. Remain vigilant and avoid unnecessary movement ashore,
 - b. Follow the Embassy of India, Tehran's official advisories and social media updates,
 - c. Adhere to safety protocols advised by local authorities, and
 - d. Wherever feasible, coordinate through RPSL companies / Shipping Companies / Trade unions / local agents to facilitate their safe departure from Iran.

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