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## DGS Crew Branch Circular No. – 2 of 2018

### Sub: Launching of e-migrate system for seafarers

E-migrate system was launched by the Directorate General of Shipping vide M.S. notice No. 7 of 2017 for the prevention of Indian seafarers from leaving Indian ports/airports unless they are recruited through registered RPS/Indian ship owners. The e-migrate system was launched to be run on a pilot basis for verification of seafarers' details at Immigration Check Points (ICPs) for 3 months with effect from 1st September, 2017. This was to enable addressing any technical problems, which may be encountered by the DGS/MEA/Bol team and also to ensure that genuine seafarers were not interrupted/barred for travelling.

2. During the trial run of the system it was observed that there were technical glitches that need to be attended to. Therefore it was decided to extend the trial for further period of forty five days from 01.12.2017.

3. A meeting to review the e-migrate system has been taken by the Directorate with the stakeholders. It was discussed that the technical glitches have already been addressed and the system is now running smoothly. 1,22,096 seafarers have already used the e-migrate system from 01.01.2018 to 30.06.2018 (1,03,152 on foreign flag vessels & 18,944 on Indian flag vessels).

4. Now that the e-migrate system is fully operational, all concerned are directed to henceforth use the e-migrate system in accordance with M.S. Notice No. 7 of 2017. The FRROs should utilize this e-migrate system at the immigration check. Immigration without e-migrate system data should be allowed only in exceptional circumstances after proper verification of papers issued by Recruitment and Placement Service approved by the Directorate General of Shipping.

5. This issues with the approval of Director General of Shipping, Mumbai & Secretary to Government of India.

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