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Marine Operations Note: 03/2012

**Subject: Usage of Thuraya, Iridium and other such Satellite Communication Equipment in Indian Waters.**

**Dear Shipowner/Operator/Master;**

Please see enclosed Order No. 02 of 2012 issued by the DG Shipping Office.

This Order is based on communication from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India.

Satellite based communication equipment (other than Inmarsat) may not be used within 12 nautical miles from the Indian Coasts and is required to be declared at every Indian port of call in the Pre Arrival Notification on Security (PANS).

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Enclosure

**DGS Order No. 02 of 2012**

No:48-NT(1)/2012

Dated: 17.05.2012

Subject: Usage of Thuraya, Iridium 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, Iridium 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, Iridium and other such Satellite is banned in Indian waters and seafarers should not us 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, Iridium and other such sets in Pre Arrival Notification on Security (PANS).
5. The unauthorized holder of Thuraya, Iridium 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/-  
(K. H. Mehta)  
Sr. Radio Surveyor