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**Marine Guidance (4/ 2025)**

**Guidance for the Survey, Certification, and Safe Operation of Cargo Ships engaged on  
Near-Coastal Voyages**

**Applicable to:** Shipowners, Managers, Operators, Ship Masters, Recognized Organizations and Flag State Surveyors.

- References:**
- (a) Myanmar Merchant Shipping Act;
  - (b) Notification (9/2017): International Maritime Conventions and Other Instruments Adopted by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar;
  - (c) Directive (3/2023): Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage;
  - (d) Directive (1/2023): Control of Harmful Anti-Fouling Systems on Ships;
  - (e) Directive (3/2021): Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC) 2019;
  - (f) Directive (2/2021): Flag State Implementation System;
  - (g) Directive (1/2021): Amended to Directive No.2/2020 relating to issuing the Maritime Labour Certificate;
  - (h) Directive (15/2018): Safe Manning Requirements;
  - (i) Marine Guidance (6/2021), as amended, relating to "Guidance for Maritime Education & Training, Examination and Certification for seafarers"; and
  - (j) Notification (1/2007): Near Coastal Voyage Limits.

**Summary**

*This Marine Guidance serves to provide the requirements of safety, security, and environmental protection for Myanmar-flagged ships on near-coastal voyages, and vessels under 500 GT on international voyages.*

1. The Department of Marine Administration (DMA) hereby issues this Marine Guidance to prescribe the requirements governing the construction, safety, security, and environmental protection of ships, in conformity with the applicable international conventions and national legislation. This Guidance consolidates and gives effect to the relevant provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), the International Convention for

the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL), the International Load Line Convention (Load Lines) , the International Safety Management (ISM) Code, and other pertinent IMO instruments, as adopted for vessels engaged on near-coastal voyages.

2. This Marine Guidance applies to all ships registered under the flag of Myanmar and engaged on near-coastal voyages, as well as to ships of less than 500 gross tonnage engaged on international voyages.

3. Shipowners, managers, operators and masters of ships shall comply with the provisions of this Marine Guidance, as prescribed in the Annex thereto, for the purpose of ensuring the safe operation of ships and the prevention of marine pollution.

4. Flag State Surveyors shall carry out surveys, inspections, audits, and certifications in accordance with this Guidance, in respect of Myanmar-flagged ships engaged on near-coastal voyages and ships of less than 500 gross tonnage engaged on international voyages.

5. This Marine Guidance shall enter into force on the date of issue.



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