

Government of India
Ministry of Shipping (Shipping Wing)
New Delhi

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUB : GUIDELINES FOR IMPORT OF ALL TYPES OF SHIPS

Ref: Para 3.49 of the "EXIM POLICY" and Chapter 5.3(vi) of the Handbook of Procedures (Vol.1) as amended on 31st March, 2001.

The following guidelines shall be followed for import of all types of ships/vessels without license:

1. TECHNICAL CLEARANCE :

1.1 No prior technical clearance is required for acquisition of vessels below 25 years of age. Prior technical clearance would, however, be required for vessels of and above 25 years of age.

1.2 Director General of Shipping [DG(S)] may grant permanent registration to the vessel without physical inspection on the basis of production of relevant documentary proof as per the guidelines laid down by DG(S) in this regard.

1.3 DG(S) may issue detailed guidelines in respect of registration as per para 1.2 above, compliance of statutory safety requirements, rectification of deficiencies etc. by ship owners, from time to time.

2. PRICE REASONABLENESS :

2.1 No price reasonableness certificate will be required for import of vessels.

3. ACQUISITION OF VESSELS UNDER BAREBOAT CHARTER-CUM-DEMISE (BBCD) ARRANGEMENT :

(i) Technical clearance : As per para 1 above.

(ii) No price reasonableness certificate is required. However, interest margin on rental payments will be verified by ICICI.

(iii) The charter period of the vessel will be for a maximum period of 5 years.

(iv) The rental agreement will come into force after the RBI takes it on record.

4. Ship Acquisition Licence Committee (SALC) constituted vide this Ministry's O.M. No. SW/MDO/111/86 dated 1st April, 1987 stands abolished.

5. These guidelines are issued in supersession of this Ministry's O.M. No. SD-11018/1/97-MD dated 24th September, 99 and Press Notes No. SW/MDOI/111/86/MD dated 29th March, 1995 and 13th September, 1995.

