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Office Memorandum

Subject: Guidelines for Global Maritime Distress Safety System (GMDSS) GOC Renewal

Indian Wireless Telegraphy (Commercial Radio Operator's Certificate of Proficiency and License to operate Global Maritime Distress Safety System) Amendment Rules, 2018 issued vide GSR 1088 (E) dated 05.11.2018, WPC Wing OM no. P-14036/01/2018-COP dated 14.11.2018 and OM no. P-14038/03/2022-COP dated 07.07.2022 has notified rules/procedures for issue of GMDSS General Operators Certificate (GOC) and its renewal.

2. In continuation to above, following additional clarifications are issued for renewal of GMDSS GOC in view of certain queries raised with regard to the same:

S. No	Case	Requirement
1	GMDSS GOC Renewal applications submitted twelve months before expiry of the GOC license or on the date of expiry of GOC license	Has a total experience of not less than six months within five years immediately preceding the date of expiry of a license or
2	GMDSS GOC Renewal applications submitted after expiry and within two years of expiry of the GOC license	Valid GMDSS GOC Part II Certificate of the GMDSS examination conducted by the Ministry of Communications (WPC Wing) at various centres
3	GMDSS GOC Renewal applications submitted after two years expiry of the GOC license	Valid GMDSS GOC Part II Certificate of the GMDSS examination conducted by the Ministry of Communications (WPC Wing) at various centres

3. Those holders of GMDSS GOC at S.No. 1 & 2 of Table in para 2 above who are willing to clear GOC Part II in lieu of experience certificate can appear for the examination, but not prior to one year before the date of expiry of their GOC.

4. With regard to renewal of GMDSS GOC cases at S.No. 3 of para 2 above, these will be treated as break in continuity and additional/late fee will not be applicable to such cases of renewals when submitted within six months from the date of declaration of result of GOC Part II Examination. In such case the renewal of the GOC shall be for a period of 20 years or lifetime from the date of declaration of result with original license number.

5. Any missing provisions with regard to para 2 above in Saralsanchar would be provided in due course. However, all RLO's are advised not to keep any renewal applications pending in the meantime.

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