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MARINE SAFETY ADVISORY No. 06-20

To: Owners/Operators, Masters, Nautical Inspectors, Recognized Organizations

Subject: UPDATE: BAN ON SINGLE USE PLASTICS IN INDIAN WATERS

Date: 31 January 2020

This Marine Safety Advisory (MSA) supersedes MSA No. 01-20.

Referring to [DGS Order No. 05 of 2019](#), *Prohibition on use of Single Use Plastics*, please see the latest update published by the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS):

[Addendum No. 1 to DGS Order No. 05 of 2019](#), *Prohibition on use of Single Use Plastics On-board Merchant Ships*.

The regulations apply to foreign-flagged ships while in Indian waters. The new timetable for their implementation is staggered, with the first requirements effective:

- 31 January 2020 (cargo ships); and
- 31 March 2020 (passenger ships).

The DGS has published a revised version of the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) document that provides some insights on how the requirements are to be met.

Compliance by RMI-flagged ships is required.

This MSA expires one (1) year after its issuance, unless otherwise noted, extended, superseded, or revoked.