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### **Sub: Prohibiting Indian Sailing vessels (Dhows) to trade in piracy infested areas.**

1. Recent reports of Indian Mechanized sailing vessels (Dhows) missing or attacked by pirates, off the coast of Somalia have raised concern regarding the safety and security of such vessels engaged on trade in these areas.

2. The risks involved in the piracy infested areas around Somalia are well known and trading of Indian Dhows in such areas subjects the lives of Indian seafarers sailing on these vessels in danger. Further, the Directorate has received reports such hijacked Dhows may be used by the pirates for carrying out piracy attacks on merchant vessels.

3. These hijacking results in great hardships, anguish and anxiety for the owner of the vessels and crew members involved and more importantly the family of such crew members.

4. Therefore to ensure the security of Indian Dhows and its crew and for security of other merchant vessels operating in the piracy infested region, all Indian registered sailing vessels are prohibited with immediate effect, to ply south or west of line joining Salalah and Male.

5. Separately the registrars of sailing vessels are being advised to incorporate aforesaid restriction for operating in the trading area, in the certificate of inspection issued under section 421 of MS Act.

6. Any violations of these instructions by Owners/Tindals/Managers/ Shippers of Sailing Vessels/Dhows will entail penal action under appropriate provisions of the MS Act.

7. These issues with the approval of Director General of Shipping.

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