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To,

- 1) The President Goa Barge Owners Association (GBOA),  
Vasco da Gama, Goa

**Ref: Fitment of AIS and VHF on board Barges -as Mandated by ISPS  
Circular Nos. NT/ISPS/04/2004 and NT/ISPS/09/2004. by 15<sup>th</sup>  
September 2023**

Sir,

Kindly note that under ISPS Circular No. NT/ISPS/04/2004, dated 9.04.2004 at Section-19 and NT/ISPS/09/2004, dated 27.10.2004 at Section-15 require Port authorities to ensure that support craft plying within port limits meet the basic principles of the ISPS code.

However, presently many barges are operating in Panaji port without installing VHF and AIS.

In this regard reference may be made to our letter No COP/1490/2012-13 dated 23.04.2012, COP/2600/2012-13 dated, 20.07.2012, COP/3017/20112-13 dated 05.09.2012, COP/439/2012-13 dated 01.02.2013, COP/991/20112-13 dated 21.03.2013, and COP/1096/2013-14 dated 01.04.2013 wherein all barges were required to fit AIS and VHF by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

However by virtue of various appeals from your end to the authorities and Government stating the Financial losses of the Barge Owners due to ban in mining operations, etc., the issue was not enforced strongly.

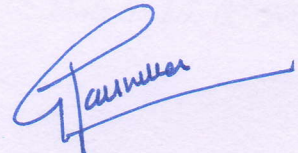
However please note that henceforth it is mandatory for all Barges operating in Panaji Port, rivers Zuari and Mandovi to fit AIS and VHF on their vessels and comply with the same by 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 when the Panaji Port

*will re open after monsoon.*

*Kindly treat these instructions seriously and note that No barge will be allowed to ply in the above mentioned areas without installation of AIS and VHF after 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023.*

*Thanking you,*

*Yours faithfully,*



*(Shri Vikas Gaunekar)  
Captain of Ports, Goa*

*Cc : Goa Mineral Ore Exporters Association.*