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Circular

Sub: SOP for issuance of certificate/ NOC for ship breaking activity.

M.P.C Board is receiving following types of applications to carry out Ship Breaking activity, comprising of following activities.

1. **Anchoring activity.**
2. **Beaching of the ship activity.**
3. **Ship breaking activity certificate.**
4. **Ship breaking activity completion certificate.**

At present, there is no SOP to deal with such type of applications and issuance of permissions. Therefore, it is decided to frame SOP in order to obtain application, procedure to process applications and issuance of approval. Accordingly, the following SOP is prepared for issuance of ship breaking activity.

Standard operating procedure for issuance of NOC for ship breaking activity.

Sr. No	Name of Activity	Process in brief	Procedure to submit applications	Proposed NOC procedure
1	Anchoring of ship	Dropping an anchor into the water to keep the ship in place (inside sea).	Not required to submit application for Anchoring of Ship.	As the Ship is located deep inside the sea hence it will not be possible for MPCB officials to carry out inspection of ship whether ship is having any H.W material stored. Therefore, MPCB will not issue such type of NOC for anchoring purpose. Custom department may take call for issuance of NOC as per their Rules/Acts.
2	Beaching of the ship	Allowing ship to berth at the Dock. Therefore, before giving permission for beaching of ship it is necessary to verify the ship regarding whether there is any H.W material stored on the ship.	The ship owner has to submit application to concern SRO/ RO office along with permissions of MBPT/ Maritime Board/ custom department to carry out the ship breaking.	Once the application is received, the concerned SRO office shall carry out a site inspection of the ship within 5 days and submit a report to the RO, i.e., whether there is any hazardous waste (H.W) material stored or not along with his recommendation. If no hazardous waste material is found stored on the ship, the NOC for beaching of the ship may be granted by the Regional Officer. In case any type of hazardous waste material is found stored on the ship, the concerned RO shall communicate a

				letter to the Customs department stating that the MPCB has rejected permission for ship breaking activity, and the customs department shall take appropriate action as per their rules.
3	Breaking of the ship.	Carry out dismantling/ ship breaking activity through authorized Ship breakers at designated location.	Concern Ship owner shall submit application along with copy of the authorization/ consent of ship breaker to concern SRO office.	The Concerned SRO shall process the application by examining the required documents, such as the consent/authorization of the ship breaker, and recommend to the Regional Officer to issue the NOC within period of 3 days .After receiving the required documents, the Concerned RO may issue the NOC to the Concerned Shipowner to carry out the ship-breaking activity, imposing conditions that they must submit a detailed report regarding the disposal of hazardous waste after completing the ship-breaking activity.
4	Ship breaking activity completion certificate.	After completion of Ship breaking activity	Concern Ship owner shall submit application along with details of disposal of all waste generated during the breaking activity to concern SRO office.	Concern SRO shall verify the documents and after satisfactory compliance towards scientific disposal of all material/ waste SRO may issue completion certificate of ship breaking to Concern Ship owner.

This SOP is prescribed for the smooth approval process of this important activity. The RO/SRO must ensure that a Ship Breaking NOC is issued only for locations that have valid consent/authorization for shipbreaking activities also monitor regularly to ensure compliance with the consent conditions.

The above circular will be in force with immediate effect from the date of issue.



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