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Mktg.Cell/Cabotage Relaxation/T(M&S)

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To
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Sir,

Sub: - D.G. Shipping abolishes restrictive Cabotage Law easing the restrictions applied to foreign vessels plying between Indian Ports- Reg.

The Govt. of India has abolished restrictive cabotage rules that have long prevented foreign-flag ship operators from transporting containers between domestic ports. This reform shall dramatically increase the attractiveness of Indian ports as direct ports of call for ocean carriers.

With the change, effective immediately, foreign carriers can transport laden export-import containers for transshipment and empty containers for repositioning between Indian ports without any specific permission or license. Until now, this market remained a fiefdom of Indian-registered cargo ships.

This [the cabotage relaxation] will bring greater competition to the feeder market and reduce Feeder rates encouraging the use of Indian Ports and Terminals for aggregation and transshipment purposes. This would benefit local importers and exporters and Indian ports would also benefit as they will be able to compete for container traffic currently handled in adjacent regional hub ports.

The Ministry also relaxed cabotage for Coastal movement of agriculture, horticulture, fisheries and animal husbandry commodities.

For full details refer website of the Ministry of shipping <http://shipmin.nic.in>.

The above information may be given wide publicity to all the members concerned.

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