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To,

The Shipping companies.

**Sub : Deposit of Provident Fund by the owners of the vessels.**

Sir,

Presently, SPFO is issuing the No Objection Certificate (NOC) while companies (owners of the vessels) are selling their vessels / change of ownership / de-registration of vessels. It has come to the notice that owners of the vessels are changing the RPSL agent frequently and while selling the vessels they are not aware of the RPSL who have not deposited PF of the seafarers. Further, many of the shipping companies who are purchasing the vessels are complaining that they have paid the amount in full while purchasing the vessels but owners are now not providing the details of RPSL's who have deposited the PF.

2. On demand of PF by SPFO from the companies, they are taking shelter stating that they do not have the old records of Seafarers engaged by them and therefore they are unable to pay the PF contribution of the Seafarers.

3. Owner of the vessels shall ensure that the Provident Fund Contributions of the seafarers engaged on their vessels has been deposited in the SPFO as per the SPF Act & Scheme, 1966 else they will be held responsible for not depositing Provident Fund contributions of seafarers with SPFO.

01/12/22

(Surendra Kumar)
Commissioner
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