MINISTRY OF SHIPPING

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 18th August, 2009

G.S.R. 579(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by Section 433X of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, being satisfied that it is impracticable to comply with the requirements of the rules made under Part XV (Shipping Inspections) of the said Act, hereby exempts the Indian Fishing Boats of less than twenty meters in length from the requirements of the Merchant Shipping (Indian Fishing Boats Inspection) Rules, 1988 for a period of two years from the date of publication of this Order in the Official Gazette subject to the condition that such Fishing Boats shall carry the equipments prescribed in following rules and regulations and the same are maintained in efficient condition:—

1. The Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) Rules, 1969 or Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) Rules, 1990; as applicable

2. The Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Collision at Sea) Regulation, 1975; and

3. The Merchant Shipping (Life Saving Appliances) Rules, 1982 or Merchant Shipping (Life Saving Appliances) Rules, 1991 as applicable.

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