

# EF Marine approved in India

We are pleased to advise that we are now an approved insurance provider for the purpose of the Indian Merchant Shipping (Regulation of Entry of Ships into Ports, Anchorages and Offshore facilities) Rules, 2012. The evidence of the approval can be found on the website of the Directorate General of Shipping (DG Shipping).

# WHY IS THIS APPROVAL IMPORTANT?

The Merchant Shipping (Regulation of Entry of Ships into Ports, Anchorages and Offshore facilities) Rules, 2012 came into force on 20 April 2012. From that day on it is required that that any vessel of 300 GT or more, which are not Indian flagged, must be adequately insured against maritime claims when entering or leaving ports, terminals, anchorages or seeking port facilities in Indian territorial waters. Operators of vessels

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will need to evidence that they have a valid Protection and Indemnity (P&I) insurance against maritime claims from an insurance provider approved by the Government of India. The P&I insurance must be valid during the vessels stay in the port areas or offshore terminal under the jurisdiction of India or areas in the Coastal Waters of India. Without it, vessels are not allowed to enter or leave Indian territorial waters or facilities governed by Indian jurisdiction.

### WHAT DO I NEED TO DO WHEN I WANT TO ENTER/LEAVE INDIAN WATERS WITH MY VESSEL?

The vessel's agent will need to submit a valid P&I certificate of an approved insurance provider (together with the Blue Cards, if applicable) to the relevant Port Authority which in turn will grant approval.

## WHAT DO I NEED TO DO WHEN I ENCOUNTER ISSUES WITH THE PORT AUTHORITY?

In the unlikely situation that you are encountering issues with an Indian Porth Authority, you can contact our readily available 24/7 emergency service at +65 62 38 75 59, or you can contact one of our approved P&I Correspondents. An overview of our P&I Correspondents in India can be found here.

#### **QUESTIONS?**

Should you have any questions following this information, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our contact details can be foun here

#### **ABOUT EF MARINE**

EF Marine provides Fixed Premium P&I solutions to Shipowners, Charterers and MultiModal operators. EF Marine have a global client base and offices in Singapore and Rotterdam. EF Marine provide 'AA-' rated security from Swiss Re with limits up

to USD 500m. Through our partnership with Swiss Re we provide our clients with first class security combined with EF Marine's extensive knowledge of the P&I market.