



South African Maritime Safety Authority

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Closure of the SAMSA Durban Office

TO ALL REGIONAL MANAGERS, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, SURVEYORS, SHIP OWNERS, SHIP MANAGERS, MASTERS, RECOGNISED ORGANISATIONS, SMALL VESSEL OWNERS, SMALL VESSEL SKIPPERS, AUTHORISED AGENCIES, SAFETY OFFICERS, SERVICE PROVIDERS AND OTHER INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES.

To be read with Marine Notices 29 of 2020, 26 of 2020 and 23 of 2020.

Summary

This Marine Notice serves to notify all stakeholders of the continued closure of the Durban Office and how to request a service.

Background

On 15 March 2020 the government of South Africa declared a national state of disaster in accordance with the Disaster Management Act 2002. Subsequently, President Cyril Ramaphosa implemented the national lockdown which took effect on 23 March 2020. In compliance with the regulations of the national lockdown all SAMSA offices were closed for business on the date of the national lockdown commencement.

Closure of the SAMSA Durban Office

Marine Notice 29 of 2020 which was published on 30 May 2020 gives guidance as to the SAMSA offices that would resume operations and the services that would be provided by these offices, also gives guidance in line with the regulations issued under the Disaster Management Act, 2002 and the Directive by the Minister of Employment and Labour regarding Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Measures in Workplaces COVID-19.

Unfortunately, the Durban office will remain closed for the foreseeable future until such time that SAMSA is comfortable that the safety of our staff and stakeholders cannot be compromised. Although the Durban office is prepared and ready to receive stakeholders, with all the necessary safety protocols in place, SAMSA is not satisfied that the building managers have met the stringent safety requirements that is required by law and therefore SAMSA is not comfortable to expose our staff and stakeholders to unsafe practices.

As tenants, SAMSA will continue to engage with the building managers to encourage them to meet the legislative requirements as a landlord and will open our Durban office as soon as we can assure the safety of our staff and stakeholders.

Even though the Durban Office will remain closed for the foreseeable future, we will continue to deliver a service with our stakeholders, as per Marine Notice 29 of 2020.

Request for Service

To book a service, stakeholders can email: durbanops@samsa.org.za
This email will be closely monitored, and services will be arranged accordingly.

In case of any emergencies or if no reply is received to confirm your booking within 72hrs, the following persons can be contacted:

	DUTY SURVEYOR	PRINCIPAL OFFICER	DEPUTY PRINCIPAL OFFICER
Name	Duty Surveyor	Captain Hopewell Mkhize	Captain Pretty Molefe
Tel	0761337799	0727444555	0826593874
Email	durbanonduty@samsa.org.za	hmkhize@samsa.org.za	pmolefe@samsa.org.za

Stakeholders are requested to plan their surveys well in advance.

It is therefore requested that stakeholders notify SAMSA at least 72hrs or more before a service is required.

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