



South African Maritime Safety Authority

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Reporting of oil spills and shipping casualties threatening pollution

TO SHIPOWNERS, SHIPS' AGENTS, MASTERS AND OTHER MARITIME INDUSTRY PARTICIPANTS,
AND PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

Marine Notice No. 8 of 2020 is cancelled

Summary

The notice incorporates MARPOL reporting requirements and updated contact information for oil spill reporting.

MARINE POLLUTION (CONTROL AND CIVIL LIABILITY) ACT 1981 (Act 6 of 1981)

Reporting of discharge and damage causing discharge or likelihood of discharge

3. (1) When any harmful substance has been discharged from a ship, tanker or offshore installation the master of such ship, tanker or offshore installation, or any member of the crew of such ship or tanker or of the staff employed in connection with such offshore installation, designated by such master, shall forthwith by the quickest means of communication available report the fact that such discharge has taken place to the principal officer at the port in the Republic nearest to where such ship, tanker or offshore installation is.

(2) If, while it is within the prohibited area (E.E.Z), a ship or a tanker sustains any damage, whether to its hull, equipment or machinery, which causes, or creates the likelihood of, a discharge of any harmful substance from such ship or tanker, or having sustained such damage, enters the prohibited area in such damaged condition, the master of such ship or tanker, or any member of its crew designated by the master, shall forthwith by the quickest means of communication available report to the principal officer at the port in the Republic nearest to where such ship or tanker then is the fact that such damage was sustained, the nature and location on the ship or tanker of the damage, the position at sea where the damage was sustained, the name of the ship or tanker, its port of registry, its official number, its position, its course and, if in the Republic, its destination, the quantity and type of harmful substances on board and, in the case of a tanker to which the provisions of section 13 apply, the particulars contained in the certificate.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2) damage to a ship or a tanker shall be deemed to have created the likelihood of a discharge of a harmful substance from such ship or tanker if it is of such a nature as to detrimentally affect, in any degree, the ship's or tanker's seaworthiness or efficient working.

(4) If the master of a ship or a tanker fails to comply with the provisions of subsection (1) or (2) or if the master of an offshore installation fails to comply with the provisions of subsection (1), such master shall be guilty of an offence.

Offences and penalties

30. (2) Any person convicted of an offence referred to in—

(a) section 3(4), shall be liable to a fine not exceeding **R25 000** or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding **six months** or to both such fine and such imprisonment;

POLICY

1 Since 1 October 1985 the Department of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) has been responsible for matters relating to the combating of oil pollution with the Department of Transport (DOT) retaining responsibility for prevention. This arrangement applied to functions in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Pollution of the Sea by Oil Act 6 of 1981 (as it was originally called).

2 With the establishment of the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) on 1 April 1998, the administration of this Act [now called the Marine Pollution (Control and Civil Liability) Act 6 of 1981] was transferred to SAMSA in terms of the South African Maritime Safety Authority Act 5 of 1998. However, section 52 of the latter Act continues DEA&T's (currently a.k.a. DEFF) responsibility for combating oil pollution.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

3 Article 8 and Protocol I of MARPOL 73/78 establishes reporting requirements for pollution incidents.

Reports should contain as much of the following information as possible:

- .1 name of the person reporting the incident;
- .2 telephone number (work/home) or other means of contact;
- .3 date and time of observation;
- .4 details of observation;
- .5 location (e.g. latitude and longitude or the position relative to the coastline);
- .6 source and cause of pollution (e.g. name and type of vessel, collision or grounding);
- .7 type and estimated quantity of oil spilled and the potential and probability of further pollution;
- .8 weather and sea conditions;
- .9 action taken or intended to respond to the incident.

REPORTING OF OIL SPILLS

4 SAMSA, DEFF (Department of Environmental, Forestry and Fisheries) and African Marine Solutions (Pty) Ltd AMSOL (the managers of the standby tug "SA Amandla") are all concerned with the prevention, containment and cleaning up of oil spills at sea. These organizations should be informed as soon as possible whenever there is an oil spill or a threat of an oil spill.

SANNCOB (The South African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds) is dedicated to seabird rehabilitation.

SANPARKS (South African National Parks) is the body responsible for managing South Africa's National Parks - to develop, expand, manage and promote a system of sustainable National Parks.

5 The "Telephone List for Oil Spill Reporting" in the Annex, lists the relevant contact persons and their contact details for vessels operating within the South African EEZ, the Annex to MSC-MEPC.6/Circ17 from IMO is for vessels operating outside of the EEZ and is up dated in January and July each year.

PROCEDURE

6 Oil spills and threatened spills shall be reported immediately to the Duty Operator at SAMSA MRCC +27(0) 21 938 3300 and the nearest SAMSA Principal Officer, failing which (and in the following order) SAMSA's Regional Managers, SAMSA's Deputy Chief Operations Officer (COO), any of the other listed SAMSA officials, the listed DEFF officials, SANPARKS and SANCCOB or the listed managers of ¹African Marine Solutions (Pty) Ltd AMSOL.

7 For ships at sea, the South African coastal maritime radio stations will connect the responsible ship's officer to the South African Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC), which will alert the appropriate Principal Officer.

8 A ship in port can report to the duty officer in the control tower of the Transnet National Ports Authority, who will forward the communication to the SAMSA Principal Officer of the port. Alternatively, the ship, or the ship's agent, can communicate directly with the SAMSA Principal Officer.

9 The SAMSA official receiving the initial report will immediately place the organisation on alert by informing the responsible persons at DEFF and AMSOL. He or she will then inform SAMSA's Regional Manager about the incident and any action taken. The Regional Manager will inform higher authority, as appropriate, and, if necessary, activate SAMSA's Casualty Response Unit (CRU).

10 If for any reason the above procedure fails, any person in the organisations mentioned in paragraph 6 should carry forward the procedure by alerting other relevant persons and organisations.

11 Changes to the information in the Annex should be reported in writing to SAMSA at the address given below.

¹ AMSOL [African Marine Solutions] was previously known as Smit Amandla Marine.

- Annex 1 - Telephone list for oil spill reporting
- Annex 2 - Telephone list of environmental authorities
- Annex 3 - Harmful substances reporting form

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**ANNEX 1
TELEPHONE LIST FOR OIL SPILL REPORTING**

The Principal Officer stationed closest to the incident should be the first contact.

Organisation/Location	Office	Fax (Office Hours)	After hours	Cell / Mobile
<i>RM = Regional Manager. PO = Principal Officer. TM = Technical Manager DCOO = Deputy Chief Operations Officer TSU = Technical Support Unit SWR = Seawatch and Response MRCC = Maritime Rescue Coordinating Centre</i>				
CENTRE FOR SEA WATCH AND RESPONSE – [CAPE TOWN BASED.]				
MRCC – Maritime Rescue Coordinating Centre (mrcc.ct@samsa.org.za)		(021) 938 3300	(021) 938 3309	
Capt. Karl Otto (Head - CSWR)	Kotto@samsa.org.za	(021) 938 3317	(021) 938 3334	➡
Capt. Ravi Naicker (Nat. Ops. Man.)	Rnaiker@samsa.org.za	(021) 938 3310	(021) 938 3319	(021) 529 0415
Mr Jared Blows (MRCC Chief)	jblows@samsa.org.za	(021) 938 3321	(021) 938 3319	➡

SAMSA EASTERN REGION. [Kwa-Zulu Natal]				
Capt. Tobela Gqabu (RM)	tgqabu@samsa.org.za	(031) 307 3006	(031) 307 3086	
Capt. Saroor Ali (TSU)	sali@samsa.org.za	(031) 307 3006	(031) 307 3086	➡

DURBAN OFFICE		DUTY SURVEYOR 076 133 7799		
Capt. Hopewell Mkhize (PO)	hmkhize@samsa.org.za	(031) 307 1501	(031) 306 4983	➡

RICHARD'S BAY OFFICE				
Capt. Simon Aggett (PO)	saggett@samsa.org.za	(035) 788 0068	(035) 788 0067	➡

SAMSA SOUTHERN REGION. [EASTERN CAPE]				
Ms. Bongiwe Stofile (RM)	bstofile@samsa.org.za	(041) 582 2138	(041) 582 2130	
Capt. Daron Burgess (TSU)	dburgess@samsa.org.za	(041) 582 2138	(041) 582 2130	➡

PORT ELIZABETH OFFICE		DUTY SURVEYOR 079 537 4276		
Capt. Philane Mthlane (PO)	PMthlane@samsa.org.za	(041) 585 0051	(041) 582 1213	➡

PORT OF NGQURA				
Capt. Ian Renders (PO)	irenders@samsa.org.za	079 512 1017	-	➡

EAST LONDON OFFICE				
Capt Emile vd Merwe (PO)	evandermerwe@samsa.org.za	(043) 722 4120	(043) 722 2264	➡

MOSEL BAY OFFICE				
Mr. Paul Vieira (PO)	pvieira@samsa.org.za	(044) 690 4201	(044) 691 1206	➡

SAMSA WESTERN REGION [WESTERN CAPE]					
Capt. Gustav Louw (RM)	glouw@samsa.org.za	(021) 421 6170	(021) 419 0730	➔	071 608 8579

CAPE TOWN OFFICE		DUTY SURVEYOR 072 364 4958			
Capt. Antoinette Keller (PO)	akeller@samsa.org.za	(021) 421 6170	(021) 419 0730	➔	083 790 6198

SALDANHA BAY OFFICE		DUTY SURVEYOR 076 077 7467			
Capt. Neville Noble (PO)	nnoble@samsa.org.za	(022) 714 1612	(022) 714 3635	➔	073 608 1377

PORT NOLLOTH OFFICE					
Mr. Justin Coraizin (PO)	joraizin@samsa.org.za	(027) 851 7695	(027) 851 7699	➔	082 386 2141

SAMSA HEAD OFFICE.					
PRETORIA		(012) 366 2600	(012) 366 2601		
Capt. Vernon Keller (DCOO)	vkeller@samsa.org.za	(021) 421 6170	(021) 419 0730	➔	066 225 8868

Organisation/Location	Office	Fax (Office Hours)	After hours	Cell / Mobile
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES (DEFF)				
CAPE TOWN.			-----@environment.gov.za	
Dr. Yazeed Peterson (Director)	(021) 819 2450	(021)- 819 2445	ypeterson----	083 530 3127
Ms. Feroza Albertus (CEO Gr B)	(021) 819 2457	(021)- 819 2445	falbertus----	072 173 6234
Mr. Ulric Van Bloemestein (CEO Gr A)	(021) 819 2456		uvbloem----	084 421 6606
AFRICAN MARINE SOLUTION (PTY) LTD (AMSOL)				
Mr. Dave Murray (email: d.murray@amsol.co.za)	(021) 507 5777	(021) 507 5885	(021) 797 2711	082 909 9948
Mr. Terence Padayachee (t.padayachee@amsol.co.za)	(021) 507 5777	(021) 507 5885		082 909 3161
Mr. Paul Maclons (email: p.maclons@amsol.co.za)	(021) 507 5777	(021) 507 5885		082 909 2013

The above contact details were correct and current at the time of publishing this Marine Notice

Additional information pertaining to OIL SPILL REPORTING.

- The South African Navy Hydrographer's Office. **Web Address: -**
- a) **Notice to Mariners:** Notice No 5 of each year Regulations for the Navigation of LADEN TANKERS.
Notice No 6 of each year Oil Pollution - Observations and Reporting.
Notice No 7 of each year Storm Warnings to Shipping.
Notice No 26 of each year Merchant Shipping (Maritime Security) Regulations.
Notice No 27 of each year SA Southern Continental Shelf Special Area

- IMO (International Maritime Organisation) **Web Address: - www.imo.org**
- b) MSC-MEPC.6/Circ.17 ANNEX which is published on the last days of January and July each year.
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ANNEX 2

1.1 SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL PARKS (SANParks)

MPA OR MARINE AREA	CONTACT
<p>Addo Elephant National Park MPA (Eastern Cape)</p>	<p>Duty phone 24 Hours: 081 834 3315</p>
	<p>Snr Section Ranger Anban Padayachee Cell: 083 636 4941 Tel: 044-233 8600 Email: Anban.Padayachee@sanparks.org</p>
	<p>Snr Section Ranger Rob Milne Cell: 082 433 2477 Tel: 042 - 235 1002 Email: rob.milne@sanparks.org</p>
	<p>Snr. Ranger Henvik Visser Cell: 071 342 2262 Tel: 042 233 8600 Email: henvik.visser@sanparks.org</p>
	<p>Ms. Cloverly Lawrence Cell: 083 278 2296 Tel: 041 - 508 5411 Email: cloverly.lawrence@sanparks.org</p>
<p>Tsitsikamma MPA: Garden Route National Park (Eastern /Western Cape boundary)</p>	<p>Duty phone 24 Hours: 072 917 5079</p> <p>Park Manager Victor Mokoena Victor Mokoena@sanparks.org Cell:0664533238</p> <p>Snr Section Ranger Eugenia Mkhathshwa Eugenia.Mkhathshwa@sanparks.org Cell:082 908 3226 042- 2811607/557</p>
<p>Knysna Estuary: Garden Route National Park (Western Cape)</p>	<p>Duty phone 24 Hours: 082 269 5007</p> <p>Area Manager Megan Taplin megan.taplin@sanparks.org Cell:083 650 8649</p> <p>Snr Section Ranger Owen Govender owen.govender@sanparks.org Cell:082 881 7769 044-3025600 /44</p>
<p>Wilderness: Garden Route National Park (Western Cape)</p>	<p>Duty phone 24 Hours: 079 177 1403</p> <p>Section Ranger Jonathan Britton jonathan.britton@sanparks.org Cell:084 714 7793 044- 877 1197</p> <p>Park Manager Dr Sandra Taljaard sandra.taljaard@sanparks.org Cell:082 889 8018</p>
<p>Agulhas National Park (Western Cape)</p>	<p>Section Ranger Carmen Gagiano carmen.gagiano@sanparks.org Cell:082 829 8678 028-435 6078</p> <p>Park Manager Johan Taljaard Johan.Taljaard@sanparks.org Cell:082 905 4659</p>

MPA OR MARINE AREA	CONTACT
Table Mountain MPA & Robben Island MPA (Western Cape)	<p>Duty phone 24 Hours: 021 7830234</p> <p>Snr Section Ranger Ezekiel Kosa Ezekiel.Kosa@sanparks.org 083 379 4290 021-7830234</p> <p>Section Ranger Ralph Kelly Ralph.Kelly@SANParks.org 073 886 6535</p> <p>Park Manager Gavin Bell gavin.bell@sanparks.org 083 563 1456</p> <p>Section Ranger (Boulders) Faroeshka Gool Faroeshka.Gool@sanparks.org 083 245 1618</p>
West Coast National Park (Western Cape)	<p>Duty phone 24 hours: 071 008 6472</p> <p>Snr Section Ranger Pierre Nel Pierre.Nel@sanparks.org 082 470 4982 022 -772 2144</p> <p>Sec Ranger William Brink william.brink@sanparks.org 074 815 2499</p>
Namaqua National Park MPA (Northern Cape)	<p>Snr Section Ranger Piet Schreuder Petrus.Schreuder@sanparks.org 082 899 7764 027-5311015</p> <p>Park Manager Angela Isaks angela.isaks@sanparks.org 084 491 1140</p>
SANParks (National)	<p>Head: Planning & Environmental Coordination, Parks Division André Riley andre.riley@sanparks.org 0828872533</p> <p>Marine Coordinator, Conservation Services Dr Ané Oosthuizen Ane.oosthuizen@sanparks.org 0714000371</p>
1.2 CAPE NATURE	
Duty phone 24 hours: 082 740 7787	
General Enquiries:	Pierre de Villiers: estuaries@capenature.co.za Cell 083 236 2924
Dyer Island Nature Reserve	Deon Geldenhuys: dgeldenhuys@capenature.co.za Cell 082 496 3395
Goukamma Nature Reserve (Knysna)	Reserve Manager Keith Spencer: kspencer@capenture.co.za 044 383 0042 Cell: 072 446 9977
1.3 ROBBEN ISLAND MUSEUM	
Robben Island Museum	Sabelo Madlala Environmental Manager Tel: 021 409 5255 Cell: 073 442 1092

MPA OR MARINE AREA	CONTACT
1.4 ISIMANGALISO WETLAND PARK AUTHORITY	
iSimangaliso Wetland Park	24 Hour emergency hotline: +27 82 797 7944 Mr Sizo Sibiyi (Exec Manager – Bio Diversity) Contact Number: 035 - 590 1633 Fax: 035 - 590 1602 Cell: +27 82 891 0282 e-mail: info@isimangaliso.com
1.5 EZEMVELO KZN WILDLIFE	
Mpenjati Nature Reserve	Name: Mr Njabulo Mavundla Contact Number: 0784756790 Email address: ChristianNjabulo.Mavundla@kznwildlife.com
Protea Banks Marine Protected Area	Name: Mr Bongani Sam Ndlovu Contact Number: 0825592843 Email address: BonganiSam.Ndlovu@kznwildlife.com
Aliwal Shoal Marine Protected Area	Name: Mr Bongani Sam Ndlovu Contact Number: 0825592843 Email address: BonganiSam.Ndlovu@kznwildlife.com
Beachwood and Nature Reserve	Name: Mr Basil Pather Contact Number: 0825592839 Email address: Basil.Pather@kznwildlife.com
Umhlanga Nature Reserve	Name: Basil Pather Contact Number: 0825592839 Email address: Basil.Pather@kznwildlife.com
Amatikulu Nature Reserve	Name: Mr Mabhida Ntenga Contact Number: 0729949751 Email address: Mabhida.Ntenga@kznwildlife.com
Umlalazi Nature Reserve	Name: Mr Trueman Buthelezi Contact Number: 0833404872 Email address: Trueman.Buthelezi@kznwildlife.com
uThukela Marine Protected Area	Name: Mr Trueman Buthelezi Contact Number: 0833404872 Email address: Trueman.Buthelezi@kznwildlife.com
Richards Bay Sanctuary	Name: Mr Trueman Buthelezi Contact Number: 0833404872 Email address: Trueman.Buthelezi@kznwildlife.com
Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife Conservation Services (Ecological Advice)	Name: Mr Santosh Bachoo Position: Senior Ecologist (Marine) Contact Number: 0837839612 Email address: Santosh.Bachoo@kznwildlife.com
1.6 OILED WILDLIFE REHABILITATION FACILITIES	
Western Province	
African Penguin & Seabird Sanctuary (APSS) / Dyer Island Conservation Trust (DICT) Gaansbaai (Western Cape)	Primary Number: 087 724 8341 Emergency Number: 072 598 7117
SANCCOB (Cape Town)	After hours & weekends Cell: +27 (0)78 638 3731 Preparedness and Response Manager Ms. Nicky Stander Cell: 082 427 5912 Email: nicky@sanccob.co.za Secondary contact: Dr S v.d. Spuy Cell: 082 853 0199
SAPREC Mossel Bay	E-mail: saprec@telkomsa.net Cell: 082 364 3382
Tenikwa Wildlife Awareness & Rehabilitation The Craggs	E-mail: info@tenikwa.co.za / mandy@tenikwa.co.za Tel: 044 534 8170
Two Oceans Aquarium	Tel: 021 418 3823

MPA OR MARINE AREA	CONTACT
Eastern Cape	
SANCCOB (Port Elizabeth)	Port Elizabeth Centre Manager Ms. Margot Collet Tel: +27 41 583 1830 Cell: +27 82 888 5270
Bayworld Aquarium (Port Elizabeth Museum)	Tel: 041 584 0650 E-mail: pr@bayworld.co.za
East London Aquarium	Tel: 043 705 2637
KwaZulu Natal	
uShaka Marine World Location 1 Bell Street Point Durban 4000	Contact Number: 031 328 8222 (24 hours) Larry Oellermann E-mail: Oellermann@ukzn.ac.za Tel: 031 328 8000
Centre for Rehabilitation of Wildlife (C.R.O.W) 15A Coedmore Avenue Yellowwood Park 4011 Durban, Kwa-Zulu Natal,	After Hours Emergency Number: 083 212 5281 031 462 1127; +27 (31) 469 0583
KZN Sharks Board Maritime Centre of Excellence (KZNSB)	031 566 0400

Annex 3

HARMFUL SUBSTANCES REPORTING FORM

Harmful substances report (HS) - When an incident takes place involving the discharge or probable discharge of oil (Annex I of MARPOL 73/78) or noxious liquid substances in bulk (Annex II of MARPOL 73/78).

Probability of discharge

1. The probability of a discharge resulting from damage to the ship or its equipment is a reason for making a report. In judging whether there is such a probability and whether the report should be made, the following factors, among others, should be taken into account:
 - 1.1 the nature of the damage, failure or breakdown of the ship, machinery or equipment; and
 - 1.2 sea and wind state and also traffic density in the area at the time and place of the incident.
2. It is recognized that it would be impracticable to lay down precise definitions of all types of incidents involving probable discharge which would warrant an obligation to report. Nevertheless, as a general guideline the master of the ship should make reports in cases of:
 - 2.1 damage, failure or breakdown which affects the safety of ships; examples of such incidents are collision, grounding, fire, explosion, structural failure, flooding, cargo shifting; and
 - 2.2 failure or breakdown of machinery or equipment which results in impairment of the safety of navigation; examples of such incidents are failure or breakdown of steering gear, propulsion plant, electrical generating system, essential shipborne navigational aids.

These items of the standard reporting format are referred to in IMO Resolution A.851(20)), as amended by Resolution MEPC.138(53). If any of the following items of the reporting form are inappropriate, they should be omitted from the report.

In the case of actual discharge, primary HS reports should contain items A, B, C (or D), E, F, L, M, N, Q, R, S, T, U, X of the standard reporting format. In the case of probable discharge, item P should also be included.

Classification of report

(i) doubtful	<input type="checkbox"/>	(ii) probable	<input type="checkbox"/>	(iii) confirmed	<input type="checkbox"/>
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A	Name of vessel	Call sign	Flag
B	Date and time of event (A 6-digit group giving day of month (first two digits), hours and minutes (last four digits) (time in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC))		
C	Position: latitude and longitude (A 4-digit group giving latitude in degrees and minutes suffixed with N (north) or S (south) and a 5-digit group giving longitude in degrees and minutes suffixed with E (east) or W (west): or		
or			
D	Position: true bearing and distance (True bearing (first 3 digits) and distance (state distance) in nautical miles from a clearly identified landmark (state landmark)		
E	True course (A 3-digit group)		
F	Speed (in knots and tenths of a knot as a 3-digit group)		
L	Route information (details of intended track)		

M	Full names and details of radio stations/frequencies guarded			
N	Next report (<i>A 6-digit group giving day of month (first two digits), hours and minutes (last four digits) (time in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC))</i>)			
P	Type of oil or the correct technical name of the noxious liquid substances on board.		UN number or numbers	
	Pollution category (X, Y or Z), for each noxious liquid substance		Names of manufacturers of substances or consignee or consignor	
	Quantity			
Q	Condition of the ship as relevant (brief details of defects, damage, deficiencies, or other limitations)			
	Is the vessel able to transfer cargo, ballast and fuel			
R	Type of oil or the correct technical name of the noxious liquid discharged into the sea		UN number or numbers.	
	Pollution category (X, Y or Z), for each noxious liquid substance		Names of manufacturers of substances or consignee or consignor	
	An estimate of the quantity of the substances		Whether lost substances floated or sank	
	Whether loss is continuing		Cause of loss	
S	Weather and sea conditions, including wind force and direction and relevant tidal or current details			
T	Name, address, telephone and facsimile numbers of the vessel's owner and representative (manager or operator of the vessel, or their agents)			
	Owner/operator		Agent/representative	
	Telephone	Facsimile	Telephone	Facsimile
U	Type of vessel	Length	Breadth	Tonnage
X	Action being taken about the discharge and to the movement of the vessel			
	Assistance or salvage efforts which have been requested or which have been provided by others.			
	The master of an assisting or salvaging ship should report the particulars of the action undertaken or planned.			