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TO ALL PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, SHIP OWNERS, SHIP OPERATORS, MASTERS AND SHIP AGENTS

TOWAGE REQUIREMENTS

1. Recent casualty investigations into the loss of ships under tow on the South African coastline have highlighted the need for this Department to survey prearranged tows in accordance with internationally accepted standards with regard to seaworthiness, satisfactory rigging of tows and compliance with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972.
2. A Certificate of Inspection/Approval shall be issued where appropriate when the above conditions have been complied with, and to the satisfaction of the surveyor.
3. Where a tow has been inspected by an approved warranty surveyor it shall not be necessary for this Department to re-inspect the same.
4. Failure to comply with the provisions above may result in the vessel being unnecessarily delayed or possible prosecution in terms of the Merchant Shipping Act No 57 of 1951.



for DIRECTOR-GENERAL: TRANSPORT