



# South African Maritime Safety Authority

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## Marine Notice No. 10 of 2012

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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. 25 of 2011 is cancelled*

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#### *Summary*

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

### **POLICY**

1 Since 1 October 1985 the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEA&T) 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 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:

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

### **REPORTING OF OIL SPILLS**

4 SAMSA, DEA (Department of environmental affairs) and Smit Amandla Marine (the managers of the standby tug "Smit 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.

5 The "Telephone List for Oil Spill Reporting" in the Annex lists the relevant contact persons and their contact details.

## **PROCEDURE**

6 Oil spills and threatened spills should be reported immediately to the nearest SAMSA Principal Officer, failing which (and in the following order) SAMSA's Regional Managers, SAMSA's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), any of the other listed SAMSA officials, the listed DEA officials, or the listed managers of Smit Amandla Marine.

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 National Ports Authority, who will forward the communication to the Principal Officer of the port. Alternatively, the ship, or the ship's agent, can communicate directly with the Principal Officer.

9 The SAMSA official receiving the initial report will immediately place the organisation on alert by informing the responsible persons at DEA and Smit Amandla Marine. 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.

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.

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**ANNEX  
TELEPHONE LIST FOR OIL SPILL REPORTING**

▶▶▶▶ **The Principal Officer (PO) stationed closest to the incident should be the first contact.**

Organisation/Location	Office	Fax	After hours	Cell
<b>SAMSA EASTERN REGION. [KZN]</b>				
Capt. Saroor ALI (RM)	(031) 307 3006	(031) 307 3086	(031) 2617919	071 686 9593
<b>DURBAN OFFICE</b>		<b>Duty Surveyor: 076 133 7799</b>		
Mr Grant CONWAY (PO)	(031) 307 1501	(031) 306 4983		082 449 6350
<b>RICHARD'S BAY OFFICE</b>				
Capt. Mladen BRKOVIC. (PO)	(035) 788 0068	(035) 788 0067		076 456 4245
<b>SAMSA SOUTHERN REGION. [EASTERN CAPE]</b>				
Capt. Nigel. CAMPBELL. (RM)	(041) 582 2138	(041) 582 2130	(041) 368 7528	083 309 6053
<b>PORT ELIZABETH OFFICE</b>		<b>Duty Surveyor: 079 537 4276</b>		
Capt. Daron BURGESS	(041) 585 0051	(041) 582 1213		082 374 7942
<b>PORT OF NGQURA</b>				
Mr B COLENUTT (PO)	079 512 1017		(041) 360 3744	082 445 3167
<b>EAST LONDON OFFICE</b>				
Capt. Peter KROON (PO)	(043) 722 4120	(043) 722 2264	(043) 726 5857	082 445 3166
<b>MOSSEL BAY OFFICE</b>				
Mr. Dave MANLEY	(044) 690 4201	(044) 691 1206	(044) 695 1844	082 477 1813
<b>SAMSA WESTERN REGION [WESTERN CAPE]</b>				
Capt. Dave COLLY (RM)	(021) 421 6170	(021) 419 0730		082 8122997
<b>CAPE TOWN OFFICE</b>		<b>Duty Surveyor: 076 987 7215</b>		
Capt G LOUW (PO)	(021) 421 6170	(021) 419 0730		071 608 8579
<b>SALDANHA BAY OFFICE</b>				
Mr. Martin SLABBER (PO)	(022) 714 1612	(022) 714 3635	(022) 714 1427	082 789 6764
<b>PORT NOLLOTH OFFICE</b>				
Mr. Justin CORAIZEN	(027) 851 7695	(027) 851 7699		082 386 2141
<b>CENTRE FOR SEA WATCH</b>				
<b>CAPE TOWN</b>				
Ms. Nontsindiso NTSHAZI	(021) 938 3316	(021) 938 3319		082 922 8395
Mr. Ravi NAICKER	(021) 938 3311	(021) 938 3319		082 768 8401
<b>MRCC 24 hr contact</b>	(021) 938 3300	(021) 938 3309		
Capt. Karl OTTO (Exec. Man.)	(021) 938 3317	(021) 938 3334		082 812 2991
<b>SAMSA HEAD OFFICE.</b>				
<b>PRETORIA</b>				
	(012) 366 2600	(012) 366 2601		
Mr. Sobantu TILAYI (Exec. Man.)	(012) 366 2624 dir.	(012) 366 2601		071 608 6480
Mr. T. MOKHELE (CEO)	(012) 366 2603	(012) 366 2601		
<b>DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS [Marine &amp; Coastal Pollution Management]</b>				
<b>CAPE TOWN.</b>			<b>Oil Pollution Store ***</b>	
Dr. Yasid PETERSON (DD)	(021) 819 2450	021- 819 2445		083 530 3127
Ms. Ferosa ALBERTUS-STANLEY	(021) 819 2457	021- 819 2445		072 173 6234
<u>Mr. Tebogo NTJE</u> ***	(021) 510 7420	(021) 511 2679		082 557 6612
	(021) 510 3957			
<b>SMIT AMANDLA MARINE (Pty.) Ltd.</b>				
Mr. Dave MURRAY	(021) 507 5777	(021) 507 5885	(021) 797 2711	082 909 9948
Ms. Nomkitha MBELE	(021) 507 5777	(021) 507 5885		079 699 4406
Mr. Dave MAIN	(021) 507 5777	(021) 507 5885	(021) 794 6662	082 907 2775
Mr. Paul MACLONS	(021) 507 5777	(021) 507 5885		082 909 2013