

## **South African Maritime Safety Authority**

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# Implementation of a multi-year SAMSA Levies and Charges increase for the period of 2020 through to 2021

TO ALL SHIP OWNERS AND OPERATORS, SEAFARERS, AUTHORISED AGENCIES, TRANSNET NATIONAL PORT AUTHORITY, REGIONAL MANAGERS, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND SURVEYORS AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS

#### **Summary**

This marine notice serves to inform all stakeholders of the 2020/2021 increase in SAMSA Levies and Fees.

#### **Background**

The South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) performs its regulatory functions in accordance with the SAMSA Act and other relevant legislation.

For such functions to be performed effectively to meet the industry's expectations, SAMSA relies on funding collected from the stakeholders through maritime levies and fees (charges) from those who require certification, approval, recognition, audit, inspections and other related services.

In terms of the SAMSA Levies Act, SAMSA is permitted to raise and collect levies on all vessels calling at South African ports and operating in South African waters.

#### Increase for the Financial Period 2020/2021

Section 44(6) of the SAMSA Act stipulates that the prices charged by the Authority should be reasonable, however this should also ensure that SAMSA is able to operate sustainably.

The review on SAMSA charges is conducted annually. In light of the fact that there has not been an increase to adjust for annual inflation since the year 2017/2018, SAMSA has been granted approval by the Minister of Transport to raise levies and charges over this financial period, this decision was further concurred by the Minister of Finance.

a) Levies to be increase by: 8%

b) Determination of Charges to be increased by: 8%

SAMSA's financial period runs from 01 April to 31 March of each year.

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The 8% increase on current charges will be effective from 01 August 2020.

SAMSA and the Department of Transport are in the process of producing a Government Gazette for the implementation of the 8% increase on levies and charges.

This will be published at a later stage.

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