

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT**

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**MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1951 (ACT NO 57 OF 1951)****MERCHANT SHIPPING (MARITIME SECURITY) REGULATIONS, 2004**

The Director General, Department of Transport hereby, in terms of Regulation 86 of the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Security) Regulations, 2004 (Government Gazette No.26488) published on 21 June 2004, determines the following requirements for the provision of pre-arrival/pre-entry information by foreign regulated ships intending to enter South African waters or South African regulated ships that are due to arrive from a port outside the Republic.

**DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S DETERMINATION IN TERMS OF REGULATIONS 86 OF THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (MARITIME SECURITY) REGULATIONS, 2004 (REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVISION OF PRE-ARRIVAL AND PRE-ENTRY INFORMATION)****INTRODUCTION**

1. In accordance with regulation XI-2/9 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, and paragraph B/4.39 of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code, the Director-General: Transport has, under the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Security) Regulations, 2004, determined the following requirements for *pre-arrival* and *pre-entry information* for the purposes of security clearances of vessels into South Africa's seven major ports, namely, Saldanha Bay, Cape Town, Mossel Bay, Port Elizabeth, East London, Durban and Richards Bay.
2. Pre-arrival information is required from foreign passenger ships, cargo ships of 500 or more gross tonnage and mobile offshore drilling units (MODUs) on international voyages bound for South African ports.
3. Pre-entry information is required from foreign-going South African passenger ships, cargo ships of 500 or more gross tonnage and MODUs bound for a South African port.

4. These requirements do not apply to fishing vessels, vessels used solely for sport or recreation, government ships engaged solely on non-commercial voyages, coasting ships, and ships transiting South Africa's territorial waters.

#### PRE-ARRIVAL/PRE ENTRY INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

5. The following pre-arrival/pre-entry information must be completed in full and sent to the MRCC in the prescribed manner below 96 hours before the estimated time of arrival of the ship. An example of a properly formatted message is included as an Annex to this Determination:

Code prefix	Content	Explanation
A	Ship name/Call sign/Port of registry/ Current security level on board	Ship name, call sign, port of registry of the ship, current security level e.g. /SHIPNAME/ABCD/MONROVIA/1//
B	Time of report	Time of report in UTC. 6 digit date time group giving day of the month and hours and minutes in UTC followed by the month e.g. /291000 Sep//
C	Position	The position of the ship at the time of reporting. 4 digit group giving latitude in degrees and minutes suffixed with "N" (north) or "S" (south) and 5 digit group giving longitude in degrees and minutes suffixed with "E" (east) or "W" (west) e.g. /1212S 00527W//
D	Ship type	The type of ship written in full e.g./CONTAINER VESSEL//
E	Course	3 digit group for the present true course being steered e.g. /052//
F	Speed	The ship's speed in knots with the decimal omitted e.g. 16.8 knots = /168// or 8.7 knots = /087//
G	IMO number	IMO ship identification number e.g. /IMO 1234567//
H	ISSC confirmation on board/Issuing authority	Confirmation yes or no (Y/N) and issuing authority e.g. /Y/Bahamas //
I	Business name of ship's agent at intended First SA port of call	Shipping agent company name e.g. /STURROCKS//
J	First SA port of call and ETA and all subsequent SA ports of call with ETA's and first port of call after SA.	Name of first SA port of call, ETA as per (B) above and all subsequent SA ports of call in voyage order until departure from SA waters with ETA's. e.g. /DURBAN/291000/PORT ELIZABETH/301900/ CAPE TOWN 010500/SINGAPORE//
P1	Last port of call/Departure date/Ship security level/Security measures and procedures/Ship to ship measures	Last port of call and country of call/Departure date in 8 digit group (DDMMYYYY)/Security level/Any special or additional security measures taken by ship during the ship-port interface/That the appropriate security procedures were maintained during ship to ship activity in this port (Y/N) e.g. /MUMBAI - INDIA /01062004 /1/ NIL/Y//

P2	Second last port of call/Departure date/Ship security level/Security measures and procedures/Ship to ship measures	Second last port of call and country of call/Departure date in 8 digit group (DDMMYYYY)/Security level/Any special or additional security measures taken by ship during the ship-port interface/That the appropriate security procedures were maintained during ship to ship activity in this port (Y/N) e.g. /PORT LOUIS - MAURITIUS/28052004/1/NIL/Y//
P3	Third last port of call/Departure date/Ship security level/Security measures and procedures/Ship to ship measures	Third last port of call and country of call/Departure date in 8 digit group (DDMMYYYY)/Security level/Any special or additional security measures taken by ship during the ship-port interface/That the appropriate security procedures were maintained during ship to ship activity in this port (Y/N) e.g. /MOMBASA - KENYA/20052004/2/APPOINTED SECURITY COMPANY/Y//
P4	Fourth last port of call/Departure date/Ship security level/Security measures and procedures/Ship to ship measures	Fourth last port of call and country of call/Departure date in 8 digit group (DDMMYYYY)/Security level/Any special or additional security measures taken by ship during the ship-port interface/That the appropriate security procedures were maintained during ship to ship activity in this port (Y/N) e.g. /DAR ES SALAAM - TANZANIA /14052004/1/NIL/Y//
P5	Fifth last port of call/Departure date/Ship security level/Security measures and procedures/Ship to ship measures	Fifth last port of call and country of call/Departure date in 8 digit group (DDMMYYYY)/Security level/Any special or additional security measures taken by ship during the ship-port interface/That the appropriate security procedures were maintained during ship to ship activity in this port (Y/N) e.g. /MOMBASA - KENYA /10052004/1/NIL/Y//
P6	Sixth last port of call/Departure date/Ship security level/Security measures and procedures/Ship to ship measures	Sixth last port of call and country of call/Departure date in 8 digit group (DDMMYYYY)/Security level/Any special or additional security measures taken by ship during the ship-port interface/That the appropriate security procedures were maintained during ship to ship activity in this port (Y/N) e.g. /NACALA - MOZAMBIQUE /02052004/1/NIL/Y//
P7	Seventh last port of call/Departure date/Ship security level/Security measures and procedures/Ship to ship measures	Seventh last port of call and country of call/Departure date in 8 digit group (DDMMYYYY)/Security level/Any special or additional security measures taken by ship during the ship-port interface/That the appropriate security procedures were maintained during ship to ship activity in this port (Y/N) e.g. /BEIRA - MOZAMBIQUE/10042004/1/NIL/Y//
P8	Eighth last port of call/Departure date/Ship security level/Security measures and procedures/Ship to ship measures	Eighth last port of call and country of call/Departure date in 8 digit group (DDMMYYYY)/Security level/Any special or additional security measures taken by ship during the ship-port interface/That the appropriate security procedures were maintained during ship to ship activity in this port (Y/N) e.g. /MAPUTO - MOZAMBIQUE /06042004/1/NIL/Y//
P9	Ninth last port of call/Departure date/Ship security level/Security measures and procedures/Ship to ship measures	Ninth last port of call and country of call/Departure date in 8 digit group (DDMMYYYY)/Security level/Any special or additional security measures taken by ship during the ship-port interface/That the appropriate security procedures were maintained during ship to ship activity in this port (Y/N) e.g. /LUANDA - ANGOLA /30032004/1/NIL/Y//
P10	Tenth last port of call/Departure date/Ship security level/Security measures and procedures/Ship to ship measures	Tenth last port of call and country of call/Departure date in 8 digit group (DDMMYYYY)/Security level/Any special or additional security measures taken by ship during the ship-port interface/That the appropriate security procedures were maintained during ship to ship activity in this port (Y/N) e.g. /WALVIS BAY - NAMIBIA /24032004/1/NIL/Y//

Q	Registered owner (or bareboat charterer) and contact details	Name of registered owner (or bareboat charterer) /Contact address/Telephone number/Fax number/E-mail address (if applicable) e.g. /SA SHIPPING/ PO BOX 111 CAPE TOWN/+21546783/+21546787/ SHIPPING@SHIPPING.NET.ZA//
R	Ship security officer details	Name of ship security officer/Rank of ship security officer e.g. /SMITH/CHOFF//
S	Company security officer details	Name of company security officer/Contact telephone number/Mobile telephone number/E-mail address (if applicable) e.g. /HOUTON/+215467824/0824352614/ JHOUTEN@SHIPPING.NET.ZA//
U	Details of cargo	General description of cargo on board and hazardous cargo as per IMDG Code e.g. /72 CARS/624 CONTAINERS WITH GENERAL/2 CONTAINERS CLASS 4.1/ 6 CONTAINERS CLASS 2.2/ 1 CONTAINER CLASS 1.1//
W1 – W(x)	Details of crew members	Information about persons on board designated as crew showing surname, name, gender, birth date (DDMMYYYY), nationality, travel document number, document expiry date, voyager number. E.g. W1/ SOAP, JOE, MALE, 01121954, BRITISH, C12361, 23012007, XJ1111. W2/ MILLS, EDWARD, MALE, 13051960, AMERICAN, C23451, 1904206, XJ0101.
X1 – X(x)	Details of passengers	Information about persons on board designated as passengers showing surname, name, gender, birth date (DDMMYYYY), nationality, travel document number, document expiry date. E.g. X1/ SWART, HANS, MALE, 07041970, SOUTH AFRICAN, C78965, 15052005. X2/ SEYMOUR, MARY, FEMALE, 18031974, BRITISH, C65490, 21082006.
Y1 – Y(x)	Details of persons on board, other than passengers or crew, with the reason for them being on board	Information about persons on board who are not passengers or crew showing surname, full name, date of birth (DDMMYYYY), nationality, passport number and reason for being on board (if available) e.g. Y1/BLOGGS, HENRY, 06111949 SOUTH AFRICAN C12345, SURVIVOR. Y2/ BLOGGS, MARY, 02101954, SOUTH AFRICAN, C12346, SURVIVOR//

6. An amendment of the original report is required under the following circumstances:
- a. If there was a change of date for the ETA. A change in ETA time for the same date does not necessitate an amendment of the original report.
  - b. If there has been a ship to ship or ship/port interface after submission of the original report.
  - c. If any other information contained in the original report changes.

**COMMUNICATION OF PRE-ARRIVAL/PRE-ENTRY INFORMATION**

7. The Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) in Cape Town is the first point of contact for pre-arrival/ pre-entry information. **The pre-arrival/pre-entry information report must be in English and in writing and be transmitted to the MRCC via Cape Town Radio on telex number 095 511600. (The prefix 095 is the international dialling code.)** A report will not be accepted via voice communication. If required, the ships master may request confirmation of receipt from Cape Town Radio.
8. MRCC will only accept pre-arrival reports directly from the ship via Cape Town Radio. No e-mail messages from ships agents will be accepted. In exceptional cases, such as faulty or unavailable satellite telex, Cape Town Radio will accept a **forwarded** e-mail message from a ship's agent, provided the agent confirms receipt of the email with Cape Town Radio after sending it. Cape Town Radio will not forward e-mail messages to the MRCC without this confirmation. Reports must not be sent as e-mail attachments; the report must be in the body text of the e-mail as Cape Town Radio's e-mail server removes e-mail attachments as a security measure. Cape Town Radio's email address is [maritimeradio@ixmail.co.za](mailto:maritimeradio@ixmail.co.za).
9. A pre-arrival/pre-entry information report must be transmitted at least 96 hours before the ship's expected time of arrival (ETA) at her first South African port. If the ship is arriving from a foreign port where the voyage time between ports is less than 96 hours, the master must ensure that the pre-arrival/pre-entry information is sent in compliance with the 96 hour requirement and updated when the ship clears the last foreign port.
10. When a ship coasts between South African ports, pre-arrival/pre-entry information is only required if the ship interfaces with another ship between ports. This pre-arrival/pre-entry information report must be transmitted as soon as possible but at least 5 hours before the ship's ETA.

11. **Masters are cautioned that failure to transmit complete and timeous pre-arrival/pre-entry information could result in delays to the ship. Ships whose masters refuse to give pre-arrival/pre-entry information will be denied entry into port.**

#### **FAILURE TO SUBMIT PRE-ARRIVAL OR PRE-ENTRY INFORMATION**

12. A foreign flagged ship that fails to submit complete, correctly formatted and timeous pre-arrival information will be denied entry into port until complete information has been given and processed. Entry will be denied to ships whose masters refuse to give pre-arrival information. Masters are encouraged to ensure that the requirements for pre-arrival information reports are complied with timeously to avoid delays.
13. Similarly, South African ships not submitting complete, correctly formatted and timeous pre-entry information will be denied entry into port until complete information has been given and processed.

#### **ANCHORING OUTSIDE PORT LIMITS**

14. Masters, owners and operators are reminded that it is an offence in terms of the Marine Traffic Act, 1981, to anchor a ship for repairs in the territorial or internal waters outside port limits without permission from SAMSA. Permission to anchor may be obtained by submitting to the MRCC a pre-arrival information report together with a request to anchor. The MRCC will forward the request to the local Principal Officer for decision.
15. A ship that has to anchor in an emergency must make the request as soon as possible but at least within one hour after anchoring. Masters are reminded that SAMSA has the authority, even in an emergency, to set conditions for anchoring.
16. Vessels calling off port limits of South African ports are advised that it is recommended to send pre-arrival information as detailed above to prevent any delays should that vessel have to enter a South African port due to unforeseen circumstances.

## CERTIFICATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN SHIPS

17. The South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) is responsible for approving ship security plans for South African ships, for verifying compliance with plans, and for issuing the International Ship Security Certificate (ISSC) and Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR).

## SECURITY LEVEL IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN TERRITORIAL WATERS

18. Security level 1 applies in South Africa's territorial waters. Any change of security level, or its area of application, will be notified by marine notice, navigational warning and notice to mariners.

## PORT SECURITY

19. Security level 1 is the default security level applying in South Africa's seven major ports (and the port facilities in these ports). Any change of security level must be declared by the Director-General: Transport, who is required to give proper notice of the declaration.
20. The following table provides information about port security officers (PSOs) at the seven major ports. The contact number in **bold print** in the table is the 24-hour contact number for the PSO.

<b>Port</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Facsimile</b>	<b>Mobile</b>
Saldanha Bay	Mr S Gaika	(022) 703 4339	(022) 714 3019	<b>(083) 285 3505</b>
Cape Town	Mr S Esau	(021) 449 4123	(021) 449 2274	<b>(083) 452 6765</b>
Mossel Bay	Ms D Shabangu-Hlagala	073 548 6306	(044) 604 6232	<b>(073) 548 6306</b>
Port Elizabeth	Mr M Mwelase	(041) 507 1910	(041) 507 1963	<b>(083) 383 6930</b>
East London	Mr G Kingsley-Wilkins	(043) 700 2060	(043) 700 2070	<b>(083) 417 3920</b>
Durban	Mr H J Strydom	(035) 905 3535	(035) 905 3133	<b>(083) 286 2094</b>
Richard's Bay	Mr B Ngwenya	(031) 361 3770	(031) 361 8393	<b>(083) 709 1440</b>
The international dialling code prefix for South Africa is +27. The local area code prefix is shown in brackets in the table above. When dialling from outside South Africa, dispense with the 0 in the local code prefix.				

Information regarding port facility security officers (PFSOs) can be obtained from the PSO, the port facility operator or the local ship's agent.

#### **NATIONAL CONTACT POINT**

21. The Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) in Cape Town is the national contact point for ships arriving on the South African coast. Pre-arrival and pre-entry information must be sent to the MRCC, who will distribute it to the appropriate authorities.
22. The MRCC is also the contact point for ships seeking information on maritime security within South Africa's territorial waters. A ship under threat in the territorial waters can communicate with the MRCC, who will forward the alert to the appropriate authorities. The MRCC's duty officer can be contacted through Cape Town Radio or as follows:

Telephone: +27 (021) 938 3300

Facsimile: +27 (021) 938 3309

E-mail: [mrcc.ct@samsa.org.za](mailto:mrcc.ct@samsa.org.za)

23. A ship under threat in a South African port can communicate with the local Port Control or the PSO or PFSO or the MRCC.
24. A ship security alert signal from a foreign flagged ship will go to the ship owner or flag State and will only be received by the MRCC if the flag State or owner forwards the alert to the MRCC.

#### **SAFREP**

25. In the interests of safety all ships are encouraged to participate in the South African Ship Reporting System (SAFREP). This system assists in search and rescue by providing up-to-date information on shipping in the event of a maritime casualty. It is modelled on IMO Resolution A.851(20) regarding general principles for ship reporting requirements. It makes use of movement reports submitted to Cape Town Radio by ships within the South African search and rescue region. Participation in the system is voluntary. Information regarding SAFREP can be found in the Admiralty List of Radio Signals.



A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'W' and 'S' followed by a horizontal line and a few dashes.

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## ANNEX

## SAMPLE PRE-ARRIVAL/PRE-ENTRY INFORMATION REPORT

A/SHIPNAME/ABCD/MONROVIA/1//  
B/291000 SEP//  
C/2512S 04527W//  
D/CONTAINER VESSEL//  
E/146//  
F/165//  
G/IMO 1234567//  
H/Y/LIBERIA//  
I/SMITHS SHIPPING//  
J/DURBAN - 021200/CAPE TOWN - 040600/PORT ELIZABETH - 052300/MUMBAI -  
INDIA//  
P1/ PORT LOUIS - MAURITIUS/01062004/1/NIL/Y//  
P2/ BEIRA - MOZAMBIQUE/28052004/2/APPOINTED SECURITY COMPANY/Y//  
P3/ MOMBASA - KENYA/20052004/1/NIL/Y//  
P4/ MUMBAI - INDIA/14052004/1/NIL/Y//  
P5/ COLOMBO - SRI LANKA/10052004/1/NIL/Y//  
P6/ KARACHI - PAKISTAN/02052004/2/APPOINTED SECURITY COMPANY/N//  
P7/ SEOUL - KOREA/10042004/1/NIL/Y//  
P8/ HONGKONG - CHINA/06042004/1/NIL/Y//  
P9/ BANGKOK - THAILAND/30032004/1/NIL/Y//  
P10/ SINGAPORE - SINGAPORE/24032004/1/NIL/Y//  
Q/ SA SHIPPING/ PO BOX 111 CAPE TOWN/+21546783/+21546787/  
SHIPPING@SHIPPING.NET.ZA//  
R/ SMITH/CHOFF//  
S/ HOUTON/+215467824/0824352614/JHOUTEN@SHIPPING.NET.ZA//  
U/ 72 CARS/ 624 CONTAINERS WITH GENERAL/ 2 CONTAINERS CLASS 4.1/ 6  
CONTAINERS CLASS 2.2/ 1 CONTAINER CLASS1.1//  
W1/ SOAP, JOE, MALE, 01121954, BRITISH, C12361, 23012007, XJ1111.  
W2/ MILLS, EDWARD, MALE, 13051960, AMERICAN, C23451, 1904206, XJ0101.  
X1/ SWART, HANS, MALE, 07041970, SOUTH AFRICAN, C78965, 15052005.  
X2/ SEYMOUR, MARY, FEMALE, 18031974, BRITISH, C65490, 21082006.  
Y1/BLOGGS, HENRY, 06111949 SOUTH AFRICAN C12345, SURVIVOR  
Y2/ BLOGGS, MARY, 02101954, SOUTH AFRICAN, C12346, SURVIVOR//