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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 intends, in terms of Regulation 132 of the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Security) Regulations, 2004 (Government Gazette No.26488) published on 21 June 2004, to establish the Maritime Security Co-ordination Center (MSCC).

The functions of the Maritime Security Co-ordination Center shall be as follows:

- 1. To co-ordinate and execute the security clearance of vessels intending to enter South Africa's security regulated ports in accordance with the ISPS Code and Merchant Shipping (Maritime Security) Regulations, 2004.
- 2. To monitor and verify the security compliance of South Africa's security regulated ports with maritime security plans as approved by the Director-General: Transport.
- 3. To notify and advise the Director-General: Transport of any threat towards one or more of South Africa's ports or vessels within those ports and within territorial waters and act on the Director-General's directives.
- 4. To liaise with the International Maritime Organisation and other relevant multilateral bodies on security-related information in terms of laid-down procedures.
- 5. To provide an advisory service to stakeholders and government departments to ensure a uniform implementation of the ISPS Code and the Maritime Security Regulations.

The MSCC shall be headed by an SMS employee or acting SMS employee who has the responsibility for developing and maintaining the regulatory framework on maritime security in the Department of Transport. Other officials shall be employees who are either permanently employed by the Department or seconded or attached, as the case may be, from other state Departments or public entities.

Written comments on the MSCC and its functions may be submitted to the Director-General: Transport, for the attention of ANDREW MASWANGANYE on or before 15 December 2004. (Note: late submissions will not be considered). Submissions may be either:

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