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**MARINE NOTICE NO 4 OF 1995**

*TO ALL MASTERS, SHIPOWNERS AND SHIPS AGENTS*

**LANDING OF CERTIFICATED OFFICERS WHILST VESSEL IS IN AN ANCHORAGE OR THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

1. Recently a vessel dragged her anchor and subsequently ran aground, after the Master had been taken off the vessel to undergo medical treatment ashore.
2. During the investigation of this incident it came to light that the person left in command can make the vessel, by definition, unseaworthy.
4. To be able to assess a situation where a Certificated Officer has to be taken off a vessel (when the vessel is not in a port) for medical or other reasons, the Director-General has decided that prior permission for such a removal must be obtained from the Proper Officer at the port where such removal is to take place. The vessel has to supply the following information to the Proper Officer:
  - a. Name of Vessel.
  - b. Official Number.
  - c. Port of Registry.
  - d. Gross Tonnage.
  - e. Nature of Cargo.
  - f. Number of certificated officers on board as required by Regulation or Minimum Safe Manning Certificate.

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- g. Name, rank and class of certificate of officer to be landed.
  - h. Reason for the required removal of the officer.
  - i. Probable period of removal of the officer.
  - j. Arrangements made to relieve the officer.
5. Permission for the removal of an officer for medical reasons shall not be unreasonably withheld, but the watchkeeping capability on the vessel shall remain of paramount importance. the Proper Officer may direct that a relief officer be placed on board or that the vessel be brought into port for the duration of the removal from the vessel of the Certificated Officer.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "B. H. T. T.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

for DIRECTOR-GENERAL: TRANSPORT

