



South African Maritime Safety Authority

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Personal Protective Equipment

TO MASTERS OF ALL SHIPS IN SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS, SHIP OPERATORS, OWNERS, MANAGERS AND SHIP'S AGENTS, STEVEDORES AND SHIP REPAIR COMPANIES, LABOUR BROKERS AND PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

Summary

This marine notice advises persons in the maritime industry of their duty in terms of the *Maritime Occupational Safety Regulations, 1994*, to ensure that personal protective equipment is provided and worn by their staff / workers when working onboard vessels

1. All concerned are reminded that when boarding a vessel, for purposes of work, the following minimum mandatory personal protective equipment (PPE) must be worn:
 - a. Hard hat
 - b. Reflective safety jacket
 - c. Safety footwear
2. Depending on the nature of work to be conducted and the corresponding risk additional personal protective equipment may be necessary. Please familiarise yourself with the Maritime Occupational Safety Regulations (4) Safety equipment and facilities to be provided by employers:
 4. *Taking into account the nature of the hazard(s) that may be encountered, every employer shall, in order to render his employees safe, provide on a vessel adequate safety equipment and facilities, including—*
 - (1) *suitable eye protection, welding shields, visors, hard hats, protective helmets, gloves, gauntlets, aprons, jackets, protective overalls or any similar equipment that will prevent bodily injury;*
 - (2) *waterproof clothing, low temperature clothing, fire retardant or flameproof clothing or any similar equipment, protective ointment, ear muffs, earplugs, respirators, breathing apparatus, masks, airlines, hoods, helmets or any similar equipment that will effectively protect against harm;*
 - (3) *belts, harnesses, nets, fall arresters, life lines, safety hooks, or any similar equipment that will provide protection in cases of falls; and*
 - (4) *mats, barriers, safety signs or any similar facility that will effectively prevent slipping or entry to unsafe areas.*
3. PPE that has become worn or defective must be replaced.
4. Failure to comply with section 4 of the regulations may, upon conviction lead to a fine or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 12 months.

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