



South African Maritime Safety Authority

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Survey Standards

TO SHIPOWNERS, MANAGERS, OPERATIONS, MASTERS, FISHING VESSEL OPERATIONS, HARBOUR MASTERS AND PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

Summary

This notice requests industry to assist SAMSA in ensuring that technical standards used in conducting surveys are consistent throughout the Republic

Background

During stakeholder engagements SAMSA often hears the complaint that differing standards are applied when vessels are surveyed in the ten ports and their regions. We have also heard this complaint regarding different surveyors from the same port office.

On the majority of occasions this is a general complaint and specific issues are not raised. It is therefore difficult to address these issues.

In previously addressing this issue SAMSA introduced checklists, which we believe has made some progress in the consistency of survey requirements, but can only be deemed to be partially successful.

To address this issue SAMSA is currently considering forming a Technical Services Unit, which will be tasked to ensure consistency and standardization through training and guidance of technical staff.

Industry is requested to identify areas of concern with specific issues that require attention.

This information should be sent to: services@samsa.org.za.

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