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Verification of Training Providers

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

Summary

This marine notice seeks to advise the stevedore and ship repair industry and all other shore based personnel to verify the legitimacy of training providers (non-STCW) prior to utilising their services.

1. The Authority would like to bring the following to your attention:
Whilst conducting Maritime Occupational Safety Regulations legal compliance audits, the following was identified when inspecting certificates of competence for lifting equipment, earth moving equipment, welding, first aid and basic fire fighting:
 - 1.1. Training providers were not accredited by the relevant SETA to conduct training on unit standards.
 - 1.2. Assessors were not accredited by the relevant SETA to provide training on unit standards.
 - 1.3. Training providers of first aiders and lifting equipment operators did not have approval from the Chief Inspector, Department of Labour to provide this training.
2. The result of this is that:
 - 2.1. The certificate of competence is invalid and the employer will not be able to prove the requirement of Section 3(1)(i) of the Maritime Occupational Safety Regulations which states that: *Every employer shall ensure that an employee who operates machinery or equipment on board a vessel is competent to do so.*
 - 2.2. It will affect the employer's ability to claim from the Skills Development Fund Levy.
 - 2.3. In respect of first aid and lifting equipment training, the training provider is in contravention of the Occupational Health and Safety Act's General Safety Regulations and Driven Machinery Regulations
3. It is recommended that prior to procuring the services of a training provider that:
 - 3.1. The training provider supplies a letter from the relevant SETA confirming that they are accredited to train on the relevant unit standards and that the assessor is also accredited to train on said unit standards.
 - 3.2. The training provider supplies a letter / certificate from the relevant Authority proving they are permitted to provide the training, e.g:
 - first aid training providers for Levels I, II and III require approval from the Chief Inspector of the Department of Labour
 - Lifting equipment training providers require approval from the Chief Inspector of the Department of Labour

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