



South African Maritime Safety Authority

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Implementation of the provisions of the regulations for fishing vessels and fishers.

TO ALL FISHERS, FISHING VESSEL OPERATORS, SURVEYORS, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND EDUCATION AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

Marine Notice 16 of 2019 is hereby cancelled

Summary

This Marine Notice is intended to supplement Marine Notices 35 of 2016 and 16 of 2017 with regards to the implementation of the provisions relating to the Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Training and Certification) Regulations, 2013, as amended, (the Regulations).

Background and Introduction

1. Marine Notices 35 of 2016 and 16 of 2017 provides for general extension of the implementation dates of the provisions for manning of Fishing Vessels and Certification of Fishers.
2. Having considered the developments since the two Marine Notices were published, SAMSA have decided to extend the implementation of the following provisions in the Marine Notices stated in Paragraph 1 above :
 - a) ***MN 35 of 2016 amendment to para 7*** - Manning levels as contained in Part 6 - General Manning Levels of the Regulations will not become effective on 23 July 2015. This effective date is extended until 31 July 2021.
 - b) ***MN 35 of 2016 amendment to para 8***. All the Safe Manning Documents that have been issued under the regulations that existed immediately before 23 July 2013, will continue to be valid until their anniversary date. Masters are advised to keep a copy of this Marine Notice attached to the Safe Manning Document.
 - c) ***MN 35 of 2016 amendment to para 9***. The new Safe Manning Levels will become effective on the first Local General Safety survey after 31 July 2021.

- d) ***MN 16 of 2017 amendment to para 18.*** All fishing certificates of competence shall remain valid until 31 July 2021; unless otherwise notified by Marine Notice, or until otherwise provided for under the transitional arrangements contained in the forthcoming amendments to the MS Safe Manning, Training and Certification regulations, whichever comes first. All other certificates to which MN 16 of 2017 applies (Port Operations and Radio certificates) shall be revalidated by 31st July 2019.

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