



# South African Maritime Safety Authority

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### Stakeholder engagement arrangements for the draft amendments to the MS (Safe Manning, Training and Certification) Regulations

TO ALL SEAFARERS, MARITIME EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROVIDERS, MARITIME MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; SURVEYORS, SHIP OWNERS, MANAGERS & OPERATORS AND ALL AFFECTED STAKEHOLDERS

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#### *Summary*

This Marine Notice serves to inform all maritime industry stakeholders of the planned workshops regarding the proposed amendments to Regulations affecting the Maritime Education and Training System (METS), Medical Examination of Seafarers and the Safe Manning of Ships.

#### **Background and Introduction**

1. SAMSA recently published Marine Notice No.19 of 2019 - Draft Regulations relating to Seafarers Education, Training, Assessment and Certification and the Safe Manning of Ships, which are submitted to the Department of Transport for promulgation
2. The proposed amendments relate to the following International Conventions regarding education, training and certification of seafarers, as well as the safe manning of ships :
  - a) The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (STCW Convention)
  - b) The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel, 1995 (STCW-F Convention);
  - c) The International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, Chapter V, Regulation 14 - Ships' manning

#### **Invitation to attend workshops of the Regulations**

3. SAMSA is planning stakeholder engagement workshops to provide stakeholders with an understanding of the proposed amendments to the regulations, and how they are likely to affect individuals and businesses. The workshops will cover amongst other things:
  - a) The strategy around the implementation of the STCW & the STCW-F Conventions.

- b) The basis of compliance with the STCW & the STCW-F Convention, and the structure in place to give effect to them.
- c) The changes being effected to various administrative arrangements, and requirements for certification and training.
- d) Addressing the feedback received from industry since the implementation of the 2013 Regulations, and that which has been received regarding the proposed amendments.

4. Stakeholders and interested parties are invited to attend the workshops at any of the areas (actual venues will be published on SAMSA Website) as per below:

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Stakeholder Group</b>
1.	04 November 2019	Durban	All
2.	05 November 2019	Port Elizabeth	All
3.	06 November 2019	Port Elizabeth	Fishing
4.	07 November 2019	Cape Town	All
5.	08 November 2019	Cape Town	Fishing

5. Stakeholders may continue to submit contributions and comments to SAMSA in writing by e-mail to **exams@samsa.org.za**. The team will review submissions before workshops commence.

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