



SOUTH AFRICAN MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY
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APPROVED SAMFAS STATIONS

SAMFAS SERVICE STATIONS, SHIP OPERATORS, SHIP OWNERS, MASTERS, SKIPPERS, SHIPS'S AGENTS, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

Affected Marine Notices			
<i>Cancelled or superseded</i>	17 of 2017	<i>Read in conjunction with:</i>	44 of 2020

SUMMARY

This marine notice lists the approved marine fire service (SAMFAS) stations that have been accredited in terms of the Life-Saving Equipment Regulations, 1968

1. Regulation 118(3) of the *Life-Saving Equipment Regulations, 1968*, requires all firefighting appliances installed on South African ships to be serviced at intervals not exceeding 12 months by a SAMS-approved marine fire service station.

Regulation 118(3) of the Life-saving Equipment Regulations, 1968, as amended:

(3) All fire-fighting appliances shall be serviced at intervals not exceeding 12 months by a service station, approved for that purpose by the Authority, or by a person of the ship's staff who is qualified to do so.

2. SAMS previously amended the *South African Maritime Code of Practice for Marine Fire Service Stations (SAMFAS)*, which was initially prepared in collaboration with the industry as the *Code of Practice for Marine Fire Service Stations (DOTFAS Code)*. The SAMFAS code sets out the standards for the servicing of firefighting appliances. These standards satisfy the requirements of the applicable regulations.
3. A firefighting appliance that has been serviced and certified by a marine fire service station approved in terms of the SAMFAS Code will be accepted as having met the requirements of Regulation 118(3).
4. Accordingly, SAMS publishes the list of approved SAMFAS stations on its website, which is updated on a regular basis. The list can be found by following the link provided below;
Organised by Region – [Approved SAMFAS Stations](#)
5. The onus to renew the annual accreditation is left to the service providers.
6. Owners, managers, masters and skippers are advised that should firefighting appliances be serviced at a station which has not been approved or whose approval has lapsed, the surveyor may reject this equipment and require it to be re-serviced at an approved station.

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