

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF OUR EASTERN REGION PORT OFFICES DUE TO THE KWAZULU NATAL UNREST

REGIONAL MANAGERS, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, SHIP AGENTS, PORT AUTHORITIES, SHIP OWNERS, SHIP MANAGERS, SEAFARERS AND OTHER INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

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Marine Information Notice's and /or Marine Notice's affected

<i>Cancelled or superseded:</i>	None	<i>Read in conjunction with:</i>	Not Applicable
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SUMMARY

To inform all affected parties of the temporary closure of our Eastern Region port offices due to the ongoing unrest in the province of KwaZulu Natal.

Background

With the current unrest in our province of KwaZulu Natal and some parts of Gauteng, with a spate of sporadic violent activities covering the greater parts of the province. This has led to road closures, uncontrolled looting of various shopping establishments and burning of properties.

Purpose

As a precautionary measure, we have had to temporarily close our Richards Bay and Durban office until further notice. We are aware and do greatly regret the inconvenience this might bring to our valued customers. You are therefore encouraged to use the contact details below as temporary means of communication to tender applications, service requests or queries until further notice.

This closure will greatly affect all interactive services such as level 3 assessments, collection of certificates and conducting surveys. Customers are encouraged to continue tendering their service requests and confirmation of services shall be confirmed in due time when the situation has stabilised.

Kindly note that due to the unreliability of transportation services and closure of main roads at this moment, the affected offices will not be able to receive seafarer certificates from our Pretoria office. Seafarers who have applied for certificates of competency/proficiency and require collecting them urgently due to work commitments are requested to enquire with the relevant office via the details below. Should the certificate be available and an individual elect to send their own courier service to collect a certificate directly from Pretoria, that would be entirely at their own risk.

We shall inform you accordingly when the offices are open and back in service again.

PORT CONTACT DETAILS

DURBAN	RICHARDS BAY
<p>Capt. Hopewell Mkhize – (Principal Officer) hmkhize@samsa.org.za</p> <p>Capt. Pretty Molefe - (Deputy Principal Officer) pmolefe@samsa.org.za</p> <p>Operations durbanops@samsa.org.za</p> <p>Duty Surveyor Number 076 133 7799</p>	<p>Capt. Philane Mthlane – (Principal Officer) pmthlane@samsa.org.za</p> <p>Operations samsarb@samsa.org.za</p> <p>Emergency Contact Number 082 827 0257</p>

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