



MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE
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**USE OF TUGS AND BARGES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF
CONTAINERIZED CARGO BETWEEN PORTS IN TANZANIA**

This notice is hereby issued to all ship owners, Ship Masters and Officers, Harbour Masters, Shipping Agents and the general public.

1.0 Trading in Tanzanian waters

In the past years a number of foreign vessels were found engaging in the local trade within Tanzanian waters without proper authorization and documentation. A number of actions were appropriately taken against such ships. Among the foreign vessels involved in the local trade in Tanzanian waters during the recent years were tugs towing barges carrying containerized cargo.

2.0 Safe Carriage of Containers

- Any person who uses, or causes, or permits to be used in navigation any lighter, barge or like vessel while due to overloading or improper loading it endangers human life, commits an offence and shall be liable to a fine or imprisonment or both.
- The loading of containers on barges have on a number of occasions been reported to be too high for safe handling and transportation and incidents of containers falling overboard in port have been reported.

3.0 Guidance

- Foreign vessels should not engage in the local trade in Tanzanian waters without the proper authorization and documentation.
- In order to enhance maritime safety and protection of the marine environment, the practice of transportation of containerized cargo in the local trade in Tanzanian waters between ports by the use of tugs towing loaded barges without the prior survey and approval by an approved surveyor is forbidden.



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