



MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE
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REPORTING OF MARITIME ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS

Notice is hereby issued to all ship owners, small craft, fishing vessel owners, Masters, officers and the general public.

This notice should be read with Merchant Shipping (Accident Reporting and Investigation) Rules, 2019 and The Merchant Shipping (small ships, Local Cargo Ship Safety, small ship Safety, Surveys and Inspections for Vessels engaged on Local and Coastal Voyages, Inland Waters) Regulations, 2006.

1.0 Introduction

- On a number of occasions marine accidents and incidents have occurred without being appropriately reported by the vessel owners or masters.
- The failure to report marine accidents has in the past led to the delay in mobilizing and performing effective search and rescue operations.
- Provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Accident Reporting and Investigation) Rules, 2019 and the Merchant Shipping (small ships, Local Cargo Ship Safety, Surveys and Inspections for vessels engaged on Local and Coastal Voyages, Inland Waters) Regulations, 2006 require the reporting of accidents to vessels.

2.0 The Merchant Shipping (Accident Reporting and Investigation) Rules, 2019: Reports of accidents to ships

- The Rules apply to all accidents involving or occurring on board to-
 - (a) any United Republic ship (a floating vessel which is self-propelled and capable of carrying passengers or cargo and includes every description of vessel used in navigation);
 - (b) any other ship within the United Republic or United Republic waters;
 - (c) any ship, which in the opinion of the Registrar involves the substantial interests of the United Republic.
- When an accident occurs the following persons associated with the ship shall notify the Registrar as soon as is practicable and by the quickest means available-
 - (a) the master or, if the master has not survived, the senior surviving officer;and



(b) the ship's owner unless he has ascertained to his satisfaction that the master or senior surviving officer has reported the accident.

- The owner or master of the ship shall, within twenty four hours after the occurrence of the accident or the causing of the damage or as soon as practicable thereafter, transmit to a proper officer if the ship is in a foreign port, or otherwise to the Registrar, a report of the accident or damage.
- Where an accident has occurred within or adjacent to the limits of any harbour, the harbour authority for that harbour shall be notified.
- A person making a notification in accordance with this rule shall, in so far as is practicable, include the information set out in the First Schedule of the Rules.
- The person who makes the notification shall, in addition to making the notification, ensure that the circumstances of every accident are examined and that a report giving the findings of such examination, stating any measures taken or proposed to be taken to prevent a recurrence, are provided to the Registrar as soon as practicable.

3.0 The Merchant Shipping (small ships, Local Cargo Ship Safety, small ship Safety, Surveys and Inspections for Vessels engaged on Local and Coastal Voyages, Inland Waters) Regulations, 2006, Regulation 10: Casualties and Incidents.

- In the event of a casualty or incident involving the vessel resulting in loss of life or the vessel being materially damaged, stranded, abandoned or lost, the master or the Company shall inform the Authority immediately. If it is not possible to inform the Authority directly, information on the casualty or incident shall be provided to the nearest surveyor, registrar of ships, police officer or harbour master, who shall immediately notify the Authority. In the case of the death or disappearance of any person on or from the vessel the information notified to the Authority shall include at least;
 - (a) the date, time and location of the accident or occurrence.
 - (b) the name of each person that died or disappeared.
 - (c) the identification number, name, flag and port of registry of the vessel; and
 - (d) the name and address of the Company



- The Company shall submit a report to TASAC when as a result of a casualty or incident that involves the vessel or its equipment:
 - (a) a person dies;
 - (b) a person is injured and requires medical treatment beyond first aid;
 - (c) a person disappears from a vessel in circumstances that indicate probable death or injury; or
 - (d) damage occurs to the vessel or other property.
- The report shall be made: within 10 days of the occurrence if an earlier report is not required.
- The report shall be in writing, dated and signed on completion by the person or persons that prepared it. Guidance on the information that should be included in such a report is provided in Schedule 6 of the Regulations.

4.0 Guidance

Every shipowner, small craft owner and master must ensure that maritime accidents or incidents are appropriately and adequately reported. Forms for the reporting of accidents and incidents may be obtained from TASAC offices located in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza, Ukerewe, Bukoba, Geita, Kigoma, Tanga, Mtwara, Musoma, Sumbawanga and Kyela or downloaded from the TASAC

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