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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT
TANZANIA SHIPPING AGENCIES CORPORATION
TASAC



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To: All Licensed Shipping Agents

RE: COMPLIANCE WITH CODE OF SAFE PRACTICE FOR CARGO STOWAGE AND SECURING

Reference is made to the above subject matter.

2. The Tanzania Shipping Agencies Corporation (TASAC) wishes to emphasize the importance of adhering to the *Code of Safe Practice for Cargo Stowage and Securing* [issued by IMO] in all vessels calling Tanzanian ports. It is imperative that all licensed shipping agents engage their respective principals to ensure that ships arriving at our ports are in full compliance with these IMO standards.

3. We have observed with concern a recurring issue of improperly stowed cargoes which presents several operational and safety challenges, including:

- (i) restricted access to cargoes and lifting points, which complicates and delays the unloading process;
- (ii) reduced terminal efficiency, as discharging operations are slowed by the need to navigate and correct poorly stowed cargo; and
- (iii) increased risk during cargo discharge operations, subjecting port workers to potentially hazardous situations.

4. To uphold safety and operational efficiency, we urge all agents to actively remind their principals of the critical importance of proper cargo stowage and securing practices. This will reduce unnecessary delays and enhance the safety of operations.

5. Your cooperation in this matter will go a long way in promoting safe and efficient port operations in Tanzania.


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