



MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE

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INTRODUCTION OF THE TANZANIA SHIPPING AGENCIES CORPORATION (TASAC) AS A NEW MARITIME ADMINISTRATION FOR TANZANIA

This notice is hereby issued to all Shipowners, Masters, Seafarer Recruitment and Placement Services, Maritime Training Institutions, Maritime Administrations, Tanzania Seafarers Union, Tanzania Seafarers Community, Marchant Marine Officers Association of Tanzania, Tanzania Ports Authority, Shipping Agencies, Ship Tallying, Clearing and Foreordering Agents and Approved Medical Practitioners.

1.0 Introduction

The United Republic of Tanzania (URT) is a maritime State and signatory to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Convention.

The Tanzania Shipping Agencies Corporation was established the Tanzania Shipping Agencies Corporation Act No.14 of 2017, gazetted by GN 53 of 16 February 2018 and commenced its operation on 23 February 2018, to replace the former URT body responsible for maritime administration known as the Surface and Marine Regulatory Authority (SUMATRA).

The Act No.14 of 2017 has made provisions for the implementation of the Maritime Administration functions particularly to regulate ports, shipping services, maritime safety, security and marine environment, and other maritime related matters.

2.0 Regulation of Maritime Sector



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The provisions of Section 11(1) under Part III of the Act No.14 of 2017 stipulates that the Corporation shall regulate maritime transport services, marine environment, and safety and security matters.

The Act further provide that it shall be the underlying objective of the Corporation in carrying out its functions and exercising its powers provided under the Act, to enhance the benefits of maritime transport by; promoting and maintaining maritime safety, security and marine environment.

3.0 Functions of the Corporation:

The functions of the Corporation are as provided under the provisions of section six of the Act:

(1) In relation to regulation of maritime administration, marine environment, safety and security as provided under section six of the Act, the functions are as follows:

- (a) administer the Merchant Shipping Act;
- (b) exercise port state control of all foreign ships and flag state control of ships registered in Mainland Tanzania;
- (c) regulate and approve marine services safety equipment's and marine services providers;
- (d) regulate ferries;
- (e) coordinate maritime search and rescue operations;
- (f) regulate and coordinate the protection and preservation of marine environment;
- (g) disseminate information and create awareness on matters related to maritime environment, safety and security; and
- (h) perform such other functions as may be conferred on the Corporation by this Act or any other written laws.



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(2) In addition to the functions specified under this section, the Corporation may undertake such other functions as the Minister may assign to it.

4.0 Coming into Force

The Act came into force on 23rd of February, 2018

5.0 For Inquiries

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