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Application for the endorsement of a foreign Certificate of Competency.

TO ALL SEAFARERS, SHIP OWNERS, SHIP OPERATORS, CREWING MANAGERS, EXAMINERS, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND EDUCATION AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

Marine Notice No. 15 of 2015 is cancelled

Summary

This Marine Notice updates the procedures to be followed by candidates when applying to have their Certificate of Competency to be recognised for serving on board a South African ship and the issue of the endorsement thereof.

1. Section 83 of the Merchant Shipping Act permits the employment of a holder of a foreign certificate of competency on a South African ship provided the holder is authorised by Regulations

2. The Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Training and Certification) Regulations, 2013, as amended (the Regulations) provides the principles for the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) to follow when accepting a foreign certificate of competency.

3. Individual seafarers may submit their applications to their nearest Port Office.

4. Employers applying on behalf of seafarers must direct their applications to the Office of the Chief Examiner through e-mail to cecapplications@samsa.org.za where the applications shall be dealt with.

5. All documents and guidelines relating to these applications can be found on the SAMSA website

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