

EXTENSION ON SMALL VESSEL INTERIM CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY

ALL SAMSA PERSONNEL, PORT AUTHORITIES, SMALL VESSEL SKIPPERS, APPOINTED SMALL VESSEL SURVEYORS, SAFETY OFFICERS, APPOINTED SMALL VESSEL EXAMINERS, ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, BOAT CLUBS AND OTHER INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

ISSUE DATE	10 August 2023	EXPIRY DATE	31 March 2024 or unless withdrawn	REFERENCE	SM6/5/2/1/MIN
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Marine Information Notice's and /or Marine Notice's affected

<i>Cancelled or superseded:</i>	None	<i>Read in conjunction with:</i>	Not Applicable
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SUMMARY

This Marine Information Notice seeks to advise the small vessel fraternity and enforcement officers regarding the extension of the validity of the small vessel interim Certificates of Competency issued in accordance with the Merchant Shipping National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations 2007, as amended

1. Background and Introduction

- 1.1 SAMSA experienced operational challenges as from the month of April 2023 that affected the turnaround time for processing of all applications for Small Vessel Certificates of Competency.
- 1.2 SAMSA is putting all measures in place that will ensure that the applications are processed speedily. However, whilst the recovery process is underway, this Marine Information Notice serves as a temporary measure until such time that all applications are fully processed.

2. Validity of Small Vessel Interim Certificates of Competency

Application

- 2.1 This Marine Information Notice is issued in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations 2007, as amended.

Validity of Small Vessel interim Certificates of Competency

- 2.2 The interim Certificates of Competency issued by SAMSA, appointed small vessel examiners or accredited institutions valid for a period of six (6) months and expiring on or before 31 July 2022 shall be extended until 31 March 2024.
- 2.3 The certificates mentioned in paragraph 2(2) must be kept on board, together with this Marine Information Notice and shall be accepted by enforcement officers, gatekeepers or officials as being valid.

3 Enquiries

Enquiries regarding this Marine Information Notice may be directed to the Registrar of Seafarers via e-mail to seafarers@samsa.org.za

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