

**PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING WEAPONS ON BOARD MERCHANT SHIPS CALLING AT TANZANIA PORTS OR NAVIGATING THROUGH TANZANIA TERRITORIAL WATERS**

*Made Under Section 19 (3) of the Armaments Control Act no. 1 of 1991*

The following standing operating procedures will henceforth apply for all vessels calling at ports in the United Republic of Tanzania and those navigating through Tanzania territorial waters with privately contracted Armed Security Personnel (PCASP), armaments and security related equipment on board.

**1.0 DISEMBARKATION**

**1.1 Notification**

Notification will be made to Mzingo Corporation by the coming ship within seven (7) days through email: [salesmz@iwayafrica.com](mailto:salesmz@iwayafrica.com) or Fax no. +255 0222150762 and +255 2604264, prior to arrival of armaments and security related equipment onboard by its appointed agent.

The Notification stated above shall include the following information:-

- (i) Name of the vessel, IMO number and voyage number
- (ii) Type of vessel
- (iii) Port of registry
- (iv) Last port of call
- (v) Name and passport details of master
- (vi) Name (s) and passport details with valid visa(s) of PCASP as appropriate
- (vii) Port of arrival.
- (viii) Document of authorisation from the flag State for the vessel to carry PCASP, firearms and security related equipment.
- (ix) Estimated date of arrival
- (x) Details of firearms and all security related equipment indicating make, model, caliber, serial numbers and quantity of each item
- (xi) Valid registration certificate of Maritime Security Company

- (xii) Insurance policy covering firearms and PCASP throughout disembarkation to embarkation
- (xiii) Document or Certificate of good conduct for the Maritime Security Company issued by a recognized authority
- (xiv) Name and contact details of responsible officer for the security company to be contacted in relation to issues arising out of the operations of the security company

1.2 Disembarkation Operation

- (i) The Disembarkation team shall count/check the firearms and all security related equipment and sign the handing over document shown under schedule 1 of these Procedures
- (ii) All firearms and security related equipment shall be kept in separate and secure boxes/containers able to be sealed by customs. Each box shall be locked and labeled for identification
- (iii) Mzinga Corporation shall transport the firearms and security related equipment to secure storage facilities under escort of armed military personnel.
- (iv) The storage facility shall be strongly built and secured and be under 24 hour guard of armed military personnel.
- (v) Details of all firearms and security related equipment shall be entered into the relevant storage facility register.

1.3 Ships staying in port for less than twelve hours

For ships with expected port stay of twelve hours or less, Mzinga Corporation may not disembark firearms and security related equipment onboard. In the event of the firearms and related security equipment not being disembarked, Mzinga Corporation shall retain them in a secure place provided onboard and under guard.

The secure place to be provided onboard shall fulfill the following conditions:

- a. Reinforced bulkheads, doors
- b. Secure locks-key/combination safe type recommended and not latches/padlocks. It should be possible to be sealed by customs
- c. Adequate lighting
- d. Fire fighting sprinklers and smoke detectors
- e. Designated handler (Competent Weapon and Ammunition Handler)

## 2.0 **EMBARKATION**

### 2.1 **Notification**

Notification will be made by ship to Mzinga Corporation will be made through email: [salesmz@iwayafrica.com](mailto:salesmz@iwayafrica.com) or Fax no. +255 0222150762 and +255 2604264 within three days prior to embarkation.

The Notification stated above shall include the following information.

- (i) Details of firearms and security related equipment in terms of make, caliber, serial number, quantity and any special marks.
- (ii) Details of ship or flight that will carry the firearms and related equipment
- (iii) Date, time and place of operation of embarkation of the firearms and security related equipment
- (iv) Name and Passport details of master
- (v) Name and Passport details of PCASP with valid visa (s) as appropriate
- (vi) Document of authorization from the flag state for the vessel to carry PCASP firearms and security related equipment.

- (vii) Clearance by Police/Interpol/Certification of good conduct by PCASP.
- (viii) Valid registration certificate of Maritime Security Company.

## 2.2 Embarkation Operation

- (i) Mzinga Corporation shall transport and escort firearms and security related equipment from the storage facility to the embarkation point, where other embarkation team members shall join for handing over as provided under schedule 2 of these Procedures.
- (ii) The embarkation team shall count/check firearms and security related equipment and enter their details in the handing over document. Details include make, caliber, quantity and any relevant mark/information. The embarkation team members shall sign the handing over document after satisfying themselves that the details entered are correct.
- (iii) The shipmaster/Maritime security company representative shall countersign the handing over document to acknowledge receipt of firearms and security related equipment

## 3.0 TRANSITING VESSEL

### 3.1 Notification

Notification to Mzinga Corporation within three days prior to transit through Tanzanian's territorial waters and pre-requisite authorization from their flag State by the appointed agents.

The Notification stated above shall include the following information:

- (i) Proof of authorization of flag State of the ship owner's decision to place PCASP aboard ships.
- (ii) Name of master
- (iii) Names of PCASP
- (iv) Date and time of transiting

(v) Last and next port of call

3.2 Transit must be continuous and expeditious observing the obligations of innocent passage under International law. While in territorial waters the vessel may be subjected to boarding/searching if the passage is deemed prejudicial to peace, good order or security of Tanzania.

#### 4.0 **NON-COMPLIANCE**

##### 4.1 Offence

It is an offence under The Armaments Control Act No.1 of 1991 to import into or export from, or cause to be imported into or exported from the United Republic of Tanzania any Armaments except with and under the terms of an authorization in the prescribed form granted by the National Armaments Control and Advisory Board.

##### 4.2 Reporting of non-compliance

All members of disembarkation/embarkation team are obliged to disclose information on the presence of undeclared firearms and security related equipment onboard.

4.3 All parties shall be deemed to have committed an offense under this Act as defined under Chapter II Section 5 of the Penal Code Cap 16.