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For Competitive, Efficient, Quality and Safe Transport Services

Surface and Marine Transport Regulatory Authority
Mamlaka ya Udhhibiti Usafiri wa Nchi Kavu na Majini

MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE MSN 0107

USE OF TUGS AND BARGES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF CONTAINERIZED CARGO BETWEEN PORTS IN TANZANIA

This notice is hereby issued to all ship owners, Ship Masters and Officers, Harbour Masters, Shipping Agents and the public that barges loaded with containers must be surveyed by an approved surveyor to ascertain the loading and securing arrangements before leaving or being towed out of port .

1.0 Trading in Tanzanian waters

Over the last year a number of foreign vessels were found engaging in the local trade within Tanzanian waters without proper authorization and documentation. A number of actions were appropriately taken against such ships. Among the foreign vessels involved in the local trade in Tanzanian waters during the last year were tugs towing barges carrying containerized cargo.

2.0 Safe Carriage of Containers

- Any person who uses, or causes, or permits to be used in navigation any lighter, barge or like vessel while due to overloading or improper loading it endangers human life, commits an offence and shall be liable to a fine or imprisonment or both.
- The loadings of containers on barges have on a number of occasions been reported to be too high for safe handling and transportation and incidents of containers falling overboard in port have been reported.

3.0 Guidance

- Foreign vessels should not engage in the local trade in Tanzanian waters without the proper authorization and documentation.
- In order to enhance maritime safety, the practice of transportation of containerized cargo in the local trade in Tanzanian waters between ports by the use of tugs towing loaded barges without the prior survey and approval by an approved surveyor is forbidden.

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