



REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

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1. This Ministry wishes to remind all shipping agencies, in particular, those representing fishing vessels, that in line with the Merchant Shipping Act 2007, all ship documents of vessels calling at Port Louis should be in English or be duly translated in English. Such documents include, but is not limited to, the ship's statutory certificates, crew certificates as well as insurance cover.
2. The attention of all shipping agencies is drawn to section 220 (1)(i) of the Merchant Shipping Act which provides that the Director of Shipping may detain a ship "where no translated copy of the ship's certificates or crew certificates in the English language is available on board"
3. Any non-compliance to the above requirement may entail the withholding of Outward Port Clearance and/or detention of the vessel.

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