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NOTICE TO MARINERS Ref: 3 of 2009

Title: PREPARATION OF FISHING VESSELS FOR SURVEYS AND INSPECTIONS

Notice to Ship Owners, Skippers and Chief Engineers of Fishing Vessels

1. The Merchant Shipping Safety of Fishing Vessels Regulations 2000 sets the standards to be attained by fishing vessels registered under the Merchant Shipping Act for the issue of a "Hull and Machinery" and a "Safety Equipment" certificate.
2. During the past eighteen months, it has been noted that many requests for surveys have been filed with this Ministry without the vessels having been adequately prepared. This has resulted in numerous ship visits by surveyors causing undue delays before the vessel(s) could finally complete the respective survey(s).
3. Furthermore, it was also noted that many vessels were not ready for final inspection(s) despite the fact that deficiency list(s) had been submitted by owners.
4. The above practice has even caused surveyors to board a single vessel for more than twenty times thereby causing severe disruptions in the already very tight schedule(s) of the surveyors.
5. In order to avoid undue delays to vessels, Ship Owners, Skippers and Chief Engineers are reminded that they **must ensure** that their respective vessel(s) is/are ready in all aspects as per the requirements of the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Fishing Vessels) Regulations 2000 prior applying for surveys or inspections following any survey.
6. Ship Owners, Skippers and Chief Engineers are furthermore reminded that surveys would not be conducted on vessels that have not been adequately prepared or are still under preparation for compliance with the regulations presently in force.

7. Ship Owners are also reminded of the cabinet decision of the 20 January 2006 whereby a Superintendent should be employed to supervise all repairs and maintenance on the fishing vessels to enable issue of statutory certificates in a smoother manner.

8. Ship Owners, Skippers and Chief Engineers are informed that with the entry into force of the new Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 2009 on 6 June 2009, a fee of Rs. 500 is chargeable for each re-inspection after the first inspection following the issue of a deficiency list to ensure that a deficiency has been rectified.

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