

EXTENSION ON SMALL VESSEL INTERIM CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY

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ISSUE DATE	22 April 2024	EXPIRY DATE	31 March 2025 or unless withdrawn	REFERENCE	SM6/5/2/1/MIN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Cancelled or superseded: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>	MIN 11-23	<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 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.
- 2 At that time, SAMSA anticipated that the time the operations would have been restored to process all the outstanding applications, but that has not been the case.
- 3 SAMSA continues to put all measures in place to ensure that the systems are fully operational to process all the applications of Small Vessel Certificates of Competency. This Marine Information Notice is a replacement of MIN 11-23 until such time that all applications affected are fully processed.

2. Validity of Small Vessel Interim Certificates of Competency

Application

- 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 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 after the 31 July 2023 shall be further extended until 31 March 2025.
- 3 The certificates mentioned in paragraph 2.2 must be kept on board, together with this MIN 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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