



NATIONAL MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY

CIRCULAR NOTICE

To: The Papua New Guinea Maritime & Shipping Community
Date: 05th April, 2023
Subject: Invitation to attend the Merchant Shipping Bill National Consultation & Awareness Workshop throughout selected Maritime Provinces In Papua New Guinea.

The National Maritime Safety Authority (“NMSA”) invites our maritime stakeholders to participate in a series of National Consultation & Awareness workshops for the Merchant Shipping Bill 2023 (“Bill”). The proposed Bill is a legal policy reform targeted at enhancing the compliance regime of the *Merchant Shipping Act 1975*. In addition, the proposed Bill is formulated to address the issue of outdated provisions, offences and fines which are no longer deterring unlawful activities in the shipping industry and to introduce various legislative frameworks to address the emerging trends of threats to maritime safety where navigation at sea is concerned and to be consistent with international standards. As such, the National Consultation and Awareness workshops will enable the NMSA to better understand our stakeholder’s views with the aim of strengthening the proposed reform to enable an efficient business environment for the maritime transport sub-sector.

The proposed dates for the National Awareness and Consultation with the industry are as follows:

Dates	Stakeholder	Consultation Venue
1-3 rd May	ENB Shipping Community	Gazelle International
8 - 10 th May	NIP Shipping Community	Kavieng New Lodge
15 th - 17 th May	Morobe Shipping Community	Lae International Hotel
22 nd -24 th May	Madang Shipping Community	Madang Resort
29 th -31 st May	Alotau Shipping Community	Alotau International Hotel
5 th - 7 th June	Port Moresby Shipping Community	APEC Haus,Port Moresby

For your appreciation, review and feedback, the Proposed Legislation can be found on the NMSA Website including its Concept Paper and Explanatory Notes at:

<http://www.nmsa.gov.pg/convections-and-national-legislations/legislations-review>

For further queries and to confirm your attendance, do not hesitate to contact our staff on this telephone number: 305 4605.

I look forward to receiving your confirmation of attendance by **28th of April, 2023**.

As for your feedback on the content of the proposed legal framework, the intended deadline for all comments is **30th June, 2023**.

The NMSA will keep you updated on our Website and Social Media Pages.

Yours sincerely,

The National Maritime Safety Authority

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