



NATIONAL MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY

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NOTICE TO SHIPPING AGENTS/ OWNERS/ MASTERS/ CAPTAINS
“COLLECTION OF LEVIES”

The National Maritime Safety Authority is a self-funded, not for profit government agency, established primarily to regulate and administer maritime safety, coordinate maritime search and rescue operations and to control, protect and ensure a cleaner marine environment.

The National Maritime Safety Authority Act, 2003 (NMSA Act 2003), Merchant Shipping Act 1975, (MSA 1975), and the Marine Environment Protection Act 2015, (MEP Act 2015) stipulates the legal parameters for the Authority to execute and recommend policies, processes and systems to improve its regulatory functions.

Pursuant to its legal mandate to raise internal revenue, the Authority collects the Regulatory Function Levy, the Navigational Aids Levy and the Marine Pollution Levy.

This circular intends to regulate the shipping agents and owners to pay the levies to the Authority prior to the arrival of the vessel to PNG. It is a requirement that within 24 hours of the vessel arrival into the first port of call in PNG or before departing from the last port of call or place in PNG, the agents/owners must pay the levies to the Authority.

The Shipping Vessels Estimate Time of Arrival (ETA) details, within 96, 48, 24 hours prior to the arrival of the vessel must be send via email addresses: nmsa@nmsa.gov.pg and eta@nmsa.gov.pg.

The Shipping Agents, Owners and Vessels, who fail to comply to this circular, will have the nonpaying vessel detained by the Authority. The Detained Vessel will be released upon the full settlement of the outstanding levies.

Authorized by:

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