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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT**NOTICE 1373 OF 2022****NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE THE MERCHANT SHIPPING BILL, 2022 INTO PARLIAMENT IN TERMS OF RULE 241(1) (b) OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

The Minister of Transport hereby in terms of National Assembly Rule No. 241(1) (b) intends introducing the Merchant Shipping Bill, 2022 ("the Bill") in Parliament during 2022/23.

The Bill and its Explanatory Memorandum were published for comments in the Government Gazette No. 43073, Notice Number 205 of 6 March 2022, and further published on Government Gazette 43505, Notice 369 of 6 July 2022.

The object of the Bill is as follows:-

To provide for the powers and duties of the Minister and the South African Maritime Safety Authority in the administration of this Act; to provide for the registration, permitting and licensing of ships in the Republic; to provide for the application of labour laws to seafarers; to provide for the conditions of employment of seafarers and the health and well-being of seafarers on board a vessel; to promote the safety of life at sea; to establish inspection and enforcement mechanisms including those for marine casualties and crimes committed on ships; to provide for the regulation of marine traffic; to provide for legal proceedings and jurisdictional matters; to recognise and incorporate international conventions to which the Republic is bound in terms of the Constitution and its incorporation into domestic law; to repeal certain Acts; to provide a transitional framework for the new provisions of this Act; and to provide for matters incidental thereto.

Copies of the Bill and the Memorandum on the Objects can be obtained from the Office of the Government Printers on (012) 334 4500/ 334 4741 alternatively from the Department of Transport.

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