

Tyhileka madubela - Weather service amendment bill

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Good day Ms T Madubela

This mail is to bring to your attention the ramifications/knock on effect to the maritime industry of this proposed legislation.

In excess of 90% of South Africa's trade with international trading partners is handled by the maritime industry, the maritime industry throughout history has relied upon accurate weather information. Many varied sources both locally and internationally are utilized by vessel managers and weather routing service providers to assist the Mariner executing a safe passage between ports. It would appear that this legislation has not taken the local and international impact to the Maritime Industry into account.

It is a statutory requirement for Masters of a South African ship to "Report dangers to navigation" (Merchant Shipping Act 57 of 1951, Part III-Safety of navigation 249) this includes a dangerous storm, therefore it would appear in 30A 1 (a) that there is a potential conflict between these two items of South African legislation should these regulations be passed.

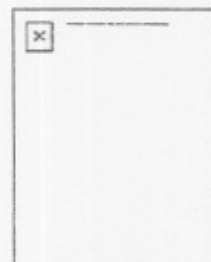
It is apparent that broader base of role player should be consulted prior to the promulgation of these regulations into law is made, the implementation of Annex III of Resolution 40 of the Twelfth Congress of WMO should be considered.

Regards

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