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INSPECTION OF SMALL VESSELS WHILE ADHERING TO PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT SPREAD OF COVID-19

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) suspended inspection of small vessels as part of the measures aimed at mitigating the spread of COVID-19 and in response to the Government directive on cessation of movements in certain counties in Kenya.

Following permission for controlled movements, it is important that a working arrangement is made that takes cognizance of the established preventive measures spread of against COVID-19. The Authority hereby lifts the suspension on vessel inspection and issues the below guideline to vessel inspectors and boat owners on preventive measures to be adhered to during a vessel inspection exercise.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has changed the normal way of life as we know it. Preventive measures against the spread of COVID-19 such as use of face masks, social distancing, hand washing, use of alcohol based sanitizers, avoidance of crowded places and limitation of movements must be adhered to as directed by the Ministry of Health. To this end, Kenya Maritime Authority hereby issues these guidelines for use by KMA Surveyors, clients and stakeholders during a vessel inspection exercise.

3.0 INSPECTION GUIDELINES

3.1 Pre-Inspection

- i. All requests for inspections (new and renewals) / change of ownership/ change of names, and any further communications with clients shall be submitted to the Authority through the email; info@kma.go.ke;
- ii. All forms to be filled by the client and subsequent attachments such as copies of I.D.s and KRA PIN shall be submitted through the above email;
- iii. Payment must be made and proof of payment availed before an inspection service is rendered;
- iv. Upon payment, the client shall be contacted by a KMA Surveyor to schedule the inspection day;
- v. Clients are encouraged to make requests as a group (BMU) to minimize surveyor's movements and also enhance efficiency and cost effectiveness of inspections;

3.2 Guidelines during Inspections

- i. The date, time and place of the inspection will be communicated in advance to the client by the surveyor;
- ii. KMA surveyors shall at all times, when conducting inspections use personal protection equipment (PPE) such as face masks, disposable gloves, hand sanitizers to be used before and after an inspection;
- iii. KMA Surveyors shall adhere to the COVID-19 rules set on the clients premises at all times, which may include body temperature checks, social distancing and washing of hands;
- iv. The client in person or a representative of the client or a representative of a group of clients/BMU shall accompany the KMA Surveyor during the inspections, to avoid crowding and to maintain social distance. They are required to have a face mask on and must sanitized their hands before and after the inspections;

4.0 CONCLUSION

KMA advises all clients to adhere to the these guidelines as well as the other guidelines issued from to time by the Ministry of Health



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