

KENYA MARITIME AUTHORITY AIDS KENYAN CREW

The Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) has aided in the repatriation of seven (7) Kenyan seafarers who worked onboard Comarco Falcon IMO No. 9191216 in South Africa. The seafarers have successfully been repatriated to Kenya from South Africa following interventions by the Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) in collaboration with the Apostles of the Sea in South Africa. KMA mediated between the ship owner and the seafarers in line with their employment agreements and in accordance with the Merchant Shipping Act and the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006. The repatriated seafarers include: Mohamed Aboud Mohamed, Ali Mohamed Yussuf, Rehema Hassan, James Leonard Mwangi, Hamisi Gona Kazungu, Moses Gachingiri Njuguna and Daniel Sagimo Oduor. KMA is currently working to repatriate an eighth seafarer, Mr Hamadi Juma Mchoru. He is expected to return to Kenya by 1st March, 2019, after the repatriation process is finalized.

One of the functions of the Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) is to oversee training, employment and welfare of seafarers. KMA continues to mediate in disputes between seafarers and their employers as well as counsel seafarers on employment agreements with crewing agencies. Through its Port State Control and Flag State Inspectors, the Authority conducts ship inspections which include among others, the examining of working conditions of seafarers aboard ships.