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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO:

SHIPOWNERS, SHIP OPERATORS, SHIP AGENTS, SHIP MASTERS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC

It is hereby notified that:

1. Section 118 (3) of the Merchant Shipping Act, 2009, states that “No person shall, either as principal or agent, engage or recruit a Kenyan seafarer for employment on board a Kenyan or foreign ship, without first obtaining a license in the prescribed form from Kenya Maritime Authority authorizing such person to engage or recruit Kenyan seafarers for sea service”.
2. Licensed recruitment and placement agents for seafarers shall not charge seafarers agency fees for recruitment services offered.
3. Recruitment and placement agencies must deposit copies of Seafarers Employment Agreement with the Registrar of Seafarers in accordance to the Merchant Shipping Act, 2009, Section 118.

Consequently,

1. Kenyan seafarers shall be recruited ONLY through the licensed recruitment and placement agencies published on the Kenya Maritime Authority website.
2. No seafarer shall be required to pay agency fees to recruitment and placement agents.
4. Any ship-owner, agent and or person who engages in the business of recruitment of Kenyan seafarers without a license from the Kenya Maritime Authority commits an offence and upon conviction shall be liable to a fine, imprisonment or both.

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