



MARITIME CIRCULAR

ADVISORY NOTE

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ADVISORY NOTE ON SAFETY AND SECURITY OF GHANAIAN SEAFARERS OPERATING INTERNATIONALLY

The Ghana Maritime Authority (GMA) wishes to reassure all Ghanaian seafarers serving onboard vessels worldwide that the Authority is closely monitoring recent developments affecting the global shipping industry, particularly those relating to the safety, security, and welfare of seafarers.

As seafarers, you continue to serve as the backbone of global maritime trade. Your dedication to ensuring the uninterrupted movement of goods, energy supplies, food, and other essential commodities remains vital to the functioning of global commerce and the stability of national economies. While the maritime industry is currently navigating a period of uncertainty due to recent global developments, the Authority remains steadfast in its commitment to support and stand with you in the invaluable work you perform.

Given evolving global conditions that may impact maritime operations, Ghanaian seafarers are kindly advised to:

1. Strictly adhere to all onboard safety and security procedures, including those prescribed under the International Safety Management (ISM) Code and vessel-specific safety management systems.
2. Remain vigilant and situationally aware, particularly when operating in areas with heightened maritime security concerns.
3. Follow the instructions of vessel Masters and company security officers regarding navigation, security protocols, and emergency preparedness.
4. Report any safety, security, or welfare concerns through appropriate onboard channels and to the relevant maritime authorities where necessary.

5. Ensure that all personal safety equipment and emergency procedures are understood and properly observed during operations.

The Authority is actively engaging international partners and monitoring discussions within global maritime forums, including upcoming consultations at the International Maritime Organization, to ensure that Ghanaian seafarers receive timely guidance and support.

Seafarers requiring urgent assistance or wishing to report safety concerns may contact the Ghana Maritime Authority through the following emergency communication channels:

Emergency Contact (24-Hour):
Ghana Maritime Authority
Telephone: +233 50 865 690
Whatsapp: +233 50 865 690
Email: info@ghanamaritime.gov.gh

The Ghana Maritime Authority appreciates the professionalism, resilience, and dedication of Ghanaian seafarers who continue to contribute significantly to global maritime trade and national development. Further updates will be communicated as necessary.

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