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**GENERAL NOTICES • ALGEMENE KENNISGEWINGS**

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT****NOTICE 1373 OF 2022****NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE THE MERCHANT SHIPPING BILL, 2022 INTO PARLIAMENT IN TERMS OF RULE 241(1) (b) OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

The Minister of Transport hereby in terms of National Assembly Rule No. 241(1) (b) intends introducing the Merchant Shipping Bill, 2022 ("the Bill") in Parliament during 2022/23.

The Bill and its Explanatory Memorandum were published for comments in the Government Gazette No. 43073, Notice Number 205 of 6 March 2022, and further published on Government Gazette 43505, Notice 369 of 6 July 2022.

The object of the Bill is as follows:-

**To provide for the powers and duties of the Minister and the South African Maritime Safety Authority in the administration of this Act; to provide for the registration, permitting and licensing of ships in the Republic; to provide for the application of labour laws to seafarers; to provide for the conditions of employment of seafarers and the health and well-being of seafarers on board a vessel; to promote the safety of life at sea; to establish inspection and enforcement mechanisms including those for marine casualties and crimes committed on ships; to provide for the regulation of marine traffic; to provide for legal proceedings and jurisdictional matters; to recognise and incorporate international conventions to which the Republic is bound in terms of the Constitution and its incorporation into domestic law; to repeal certain Acts; to provide a transitional framework for the new provisions of this Act; and to provide for matters incidental thereto.**

Copies of the Bill and the Memorandum on the Objects can be obtained from the Office of the Government Printers on (012) 334 4500/ 334 4741 alternatively from the Department of Transport.

