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GENERAL NOTICE**NOTICE 580 OF 2013****DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES****HAND OVER OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES
FLEET OF VESSELS**

The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries hereby publishes for general information, confirmation of the transfer of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries ("DAFF") fleet of vessels from the Department of Defence and Military Veterans ("DODMV") to the DAFF with effect from 1 April 2013.

The Ministers of the DAFF and DODMV had entered into a Memorandum of Understanding whereby it was agreed that the South African Navy shall undertake the shipping management functions of the DAFF fleet of vessels with effect from 1 April 2012 until 31 March 2013 and consequently the DAFF fleet of vessels shall be subject to the Defence Act, 2002 (Act No. 42 of 2002) and other applicable prescripts.

Accordingly with effect from 1 April 2013 the shipping management functions of the DAFF fleet shall be placed under the control of the DAFF and the fleet shall be transferred from the DODMV to the DAFF. The fleet will now be subject to the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, (Act No 57 of 1951) and other applicable prescripts.

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