
GENERAL NOTICES • ALGEMENE KENNISGEWINGS

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT**NOTICE 1376 OF 2022****COMPREHENSIVE MARITIME TRANSPORT POLICY INSPIRED INITIATIVE:
1ST DRAFT SOUTH AFRICAN SHIPPING COMPANY BILL, 2022****ANNOUNCEMENT AND INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STAKEHOLDERS' CONSULTATION ON
THE 1ST DRAFT SOUTH AFRICAN SHIPPING COMPANY BILL, 2022**

Since Maersk acquired South African shipping line Safmarine, South Africa has been without a national carrier. The shipping of our essential imports and exports is mostly reliant on foreign governments and companies and this might not be able to shield South Africa from supply chain disruption, especially during times of natural disaster or international conflict.

Way back before the Comprehensive Maritime Transport Policy was developed, the National Department of Transport conducted a research that identified South Africa as the only country not to have its own ships in the economic group, known as BRICS.

The Comprehensive Maritime Transport Policy ("CMTP") for South Africa, in order to solve the state of affairs outlined above, calls for a transformed and growing maritime transport sector. Policy statement 3(c) of the CMTP provides that the Department shall in consultation with relevant departments and relevant organs of state, take steps to establish a national shipping carrier as a strategic pillar in the revival of the maritime transport industry. To close the gaps outlined above, the Department of Transport developed the Draft South African Shipping Company Bill, 2022.

The Department of Transport will be holding virtual stakeholders' consultation on the Draft South African Shipping Company Bill, 2022 for Kwazulu Natal (28 November 2022), Western Cape (29 November 2022), and Eastern Cape (30 November 2022).

Interested stakeholders are requested to express their interest to participate within 20 days from the date of publication.

Submission of written comments must be within 30 days from the date of publication.

Expression of interest to participate and submission of written comments may be sent to the Department of Transport for the attention of Chief Director Maritime Policy and Legislation, Private Bag X193, PRETORIA, 0001 OR be emailed to: ntlid@dot.gov.za or mpahlwaC@dot.gov.za or mokgoshl@dot.gov.za and Matlalatm@dot.gov.za

The Draft South African Shipping Company Bill, 2022 is freely available from the website of the Department of Transport on www.transport.gov.za