

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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**AMENDMENTS OF THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE MERCHANT SHIPPING
ACT 57 OF 1951**

In terms of section 356*bis*(1) of the Merchant Shipping Act 57 of 1951 as amended, the provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974, have the force of law in the Republic.

In terms of section 356*bis*(2) of the Merchant Shipping Act, 57 of 1951, the Minister shall, as soon as practicable after the entry into force for the Republic of any amendment to the Safety Convention, by notice in the Gazette amend the Second Schedule to reflect such amendments.

Empowered by section 356*bis*(2) of the Merchant Shipping Act, 57 of 1951, the Minister of Transport intends to amend the Second Schedule of the Merchant Shipping Act, 57 of 1951, to reflect the updated version of the Safety Convention.

Therefore, interested persons are hereby invited to submit their written comments on the proposed draft Amendments to the Second Schedule of the Merchant Shipping Act 57 of 1951, within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the Government Gazette.

The proposed draft Amendments to the Second schedule are available on the Department of Transport website https://www.transport.gov.za/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/MerchantShipping_ActSecondSchedule.pdf

All written comments on the draft Amendments to the Second Schedule of the Act must be submitted to the Director General of the Department of Transport for the attention of Mr Chuma Mpahlwa.

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