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Circular No. FSI/17/2026

To: Registered Owners, ISM Companies, Ship Operators, Masters, Recognized Organizations (ROs), Registration Agents, and Other Interested Parties of Tanzania Zanzibar Registered Vessels

Subject: Concentrated Campaign on International Safety Management (ISM) Code Compliance.

Purpose: This Circular establishes a concentrated campaign to verify the effective implementation of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code and the Safety Management System (SMS) on board Tanzania Zanzibar International registered vessels.

Scope and Applicability: This Circular applies to all Tanzania Zanzibar International registered vessels, their Registered Owners, ISM Companies, Ship Operators, Masters and Recognized Organizations, as applicable.

Date: 21 OCTOBER 2026

1. Campaign period and submission requirement

The Administration hereby launches a Concentrated Campaign on ISM Code compliance. Effective until December 31, 2026, During the campaign period each applicable vessel shall complete the self-assessment contained in Appendix A to this Circular and submit the completed form, together with the required supporting evidence, to the Administration.

The assessment shall be completed by the Master in coordination with the responsible ISM Company and Designated Person Ashore (DPA). The completed Appendix A shall be signed by the Master and acknowledged by the Company/DPA.

2. Objectives of the campaign

The campaign is intended to confirm that the vessel's SMS is effectively implemented in practice and that shipboard personnel are familiar with their responsibilities. Particular attention shall be given to the following areas:

- validity and applicability of the Document of Compliance (DOC) and Safety Management Certificate (SMC);
- Master's responsibility, authority and overriding authority;
- identification of and effective communication with the Designated Person Ashore (DPA);
- crew familiarization, competence and understanding of SMS procedures;
- emergency preparedness, drills and contingency procedures;
- maintenance of the ship and equipment, including critical equipment and systems;
- reporting and follow-up of non-conformities, accidents, hazardous occurrences and near-misses;
- internal audits, Master's review, management review and closure of corrective actions;



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- control of SMS documents and records; and
- risk assessment, including maritime cyber-risk management within the SMS, as applicable.

3. Supporting evidence

The vessel/Company shall retain supporting documentation on board and/or by the Company and shall be made available to the Administration upon request as objective evidence for supporting each response in the Appendix A. As a minimum, the submission should include Annex A, Declaration of company and DPA. In compliance with Circular No. FSI/12/2026.

4. Submission procedure

The completed Appendix A and supporting documentation shall be submitted in PDF format to technical@tzirs.tz and info@tzirs.tz within the campaign period. For proper identification and record keeping, the email subject shall be indicated as follows:

ISM CONCENTRATED CAMPAIGN 2026 – VESSEL NAME – IMO NUMBER

5. Review of findings and corrective action

The Administration will review the information submitted. Findings may be recorded as Compliant, Observation, Non-Conformity or, where the applicable ISM criteria are met, Major Non-Conformity. The Administration may request additional evidence, a corrective action plan, remote verification, attendance by the Recognized Organization, or an additional ISM verification where considered necessary.

Any deficiency identified by the vessel, Company or PSC during this campaign shall be addressed without undue delay. Immediate action shall be taken where a deficiency may affect the safe operation of the vessel, protection of life, or prevention of pollution.

For identified non-conformities, the Company shall submit its latest internal audit report, including Root Cause Analysis (RCA), Corrective Action Plan (CAP), assigned responsibilities, and target completion dates, subject to verification by the Administration or its Recognized Organization.

6. Verification by Recognized Organizations

ROs acting on behalf of the Administration shall verify that the Company has complied with Circular No. FSI/12/2026, including the availability, accuracy and submission of the current Declaration of Company and DPA. The RO shall independently re-verify the applicable items using Appendix A, compare the Company/Master's responses with the actual condition on board and record objective evidence and discrepancies. Reliance solely on the completed self-assessment is not sufficient.

The RO shall complete and sign a separate verification copy of Appendix A, identify items not verified, the reasons and submit it with its findings and corrective-action requirements to technical@tzirs.tz and



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info@tzirs.tz. Serious deficiencies, major non-conformities and discrepancies potentially involving false statements shall be reported without delay.

7. Compliance and enforcement

Failure to submit the required checklist and declaration, provide accurate and complete information, or correct identified deficiencies may result in administrative action under applicable laws and procedures.

If an inspection identifies a deficiency constituting grounds for detention in an item previously marked as compliant, the Administration may consider the checklist response false or misleading if the deficiency existed when the checklist was completed. If confirmed, this may result in administrative or disciplinary action against the responsible parties.

8. Entry into force

This Circular enters into force on October 21, 2026 and the concentrated campaign shall remain effective until 31 December 2026, after which it shall automatically cease to have effect without further notice from the Administration.

The expiration of this Circular shall not affect any outstanding corrective actions, reporting obligations, or follow-up measures arising from deficiencies identified during the campaign.

For additional enquiries on this circular, please contact to:

Director General and the Registrar of Ships Zanzibar
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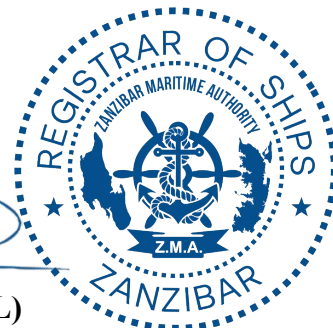
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APPENDIX A – ISM CONCENTRATED CAMPAIGN

INTERNATIONAL SAFETY MANAGEMENT (ISM) CODE COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

TANZANIA ZANZIBAR INTERNATIONAL REGISTERED VESSELS

Vessel Name:		IMO Number:	
Ship Type:		Date of Assessment:	
Registered Owner & Email:		ISM Company & Email:	
DPA Name:		DPA Contact (Email & Phone):	
DOC Issued By / Expiry:		SMC Issued By / Expiry:	

Instructions: Mark Y = YES, N = NO, NA = NOT APPLY.

Evidence or a record reference for each item. Attach supporting documents where requested.

Section	No.	Verification item	Reference	Status	Objective evidence / Remarks
1. Certification and SMS control	1.1	Valid SMC is available on board and corresponds with the vessel particulars.	SOLAS IX / ISM 13		
	1.2	Copy of the Company's valid DOC is available on board and covers the vessel type.	ISM 13		
	1.3	Current controlled SMS manuals/procedures are available and accessible to relevant personnel.	ISM 11		
2. Company responsibilities / DPA	2.1	The responsible ISM Company is clearly identified and consistent with vessel/Administration records.	ISM 3		
	2.2	DPA name and current contact details are available and relevant crew know how to contact the DPA.	ISM 4		
	2.3	Evidence exists of effective ship-shore communication on safety/SMS matters.	ISM 4		
	2.4	Declaration of Company and DPA in compliance with the Circular FSI/12/2026	ISM 3.1 & ISM 4		
3. Master and crew implementation	3.1	Master is familiar with the Company safety and environmental protection policy.	ISM 5.1		
	3.2	Master understands and can exercise overriding authority and responsibility for safety and pollution prevention.	ISM 5.2		
	3.3	Crew members are familiar with their SMS duties, emergency duties and relevant procedures.	ISM 6		
	3.4	Newly joined/transferred personnel receive documented familiarization before being assigned duties.	ISM 6.3		
	3.5	Shipboard instructions/procedures are available in a working language understood by personnel concerned.	ISM 6.6		
4. Shipboard operations and risk	4.1	Key shipboard operations affecting safety and pollution prevention are covered by procedures/checklists.	ISM 7		
	4.2	Risk assessments are carried out for identified operational risks and appropriate safeguards are implemented.	ISM 1.2		
5. Emergency preparedness	5.1	Emergency procedures and contingency plans are current and readily available.	ISM 8.1		
	5.2	Drills and exercises are conducted at required intervals and records are maintained.	ISM 8.2		
	5.3	Recent drill records demonstrate evaluation and follow-up where deficiencies were identified.	ISM 8 / 9		
6. Reports and corrective action	6.1	Non-conformities, accidents and hazardous occurrences are reported to the Company.	ISM 9		



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	6.2	Near-misses are reported and reviewed in accordance with Company procedures.	ISM 9		
	6.3	Investigation/root cause and corrective actions are documented and followed to closure, where applicable.	ISM 9.1 / 9.2		
7. Maintenance / critical equipment	7.1	Planned maintenance system is implemented and maintenance records are current.	ISM 10.1		
	7.2	Defects affecting safety or pollution prevention are reported and corrective action is tracked.	ISM 10.2		
	7.3	Critical equipment/systems whose sudden failure may create hazardous situations are identified.	ISM 10.3		
	7.4	Testing and stand-by arrangements for critical equipment are carried out and recorded.	ISM 10		
8. Documentation	8.1	Obsolete SMS documents are removed or otherwise controlled to prevent unintended use.	ISM 11		
	8.2	Required SMS records are identifiable, retrievable and retained in accordance with Company procedures.	ISM 11		
9. Audits and reviews	9.1	Shipboard internal ISM audit has been conducted within the required interval.	ISM 12		
	9.2	Audit findings/non-conformities have documented corrective actions and evidence of closure.	ISM 12		
	9.3	Master's review of the SMS has been carried out and reported to the Company.	ISM 5 / 12		
	9.4	Relevant management-review feedback/actions are communicated to the vessel, as applicable.	ISM 12		
10. Cyber risk	10.1	Maritime cyber risks are addressed within the SMS and relevant crew are familiar with applicable procedures.	MSC.428(98)		

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Compliant items	
Observations	
Non-Conformities	
Major Non-Conformities (if any)	
Corrective Action Due Date	

Certification: I certify that this assessment has been completed to the best of my knowledge and that the information and supporting evidence provided accurately reflect the implementation status of the Safety Management System on board.

Master's Name:		Signature / Date:	
Company / DPA Acknowledgement:		Signature / Date:	