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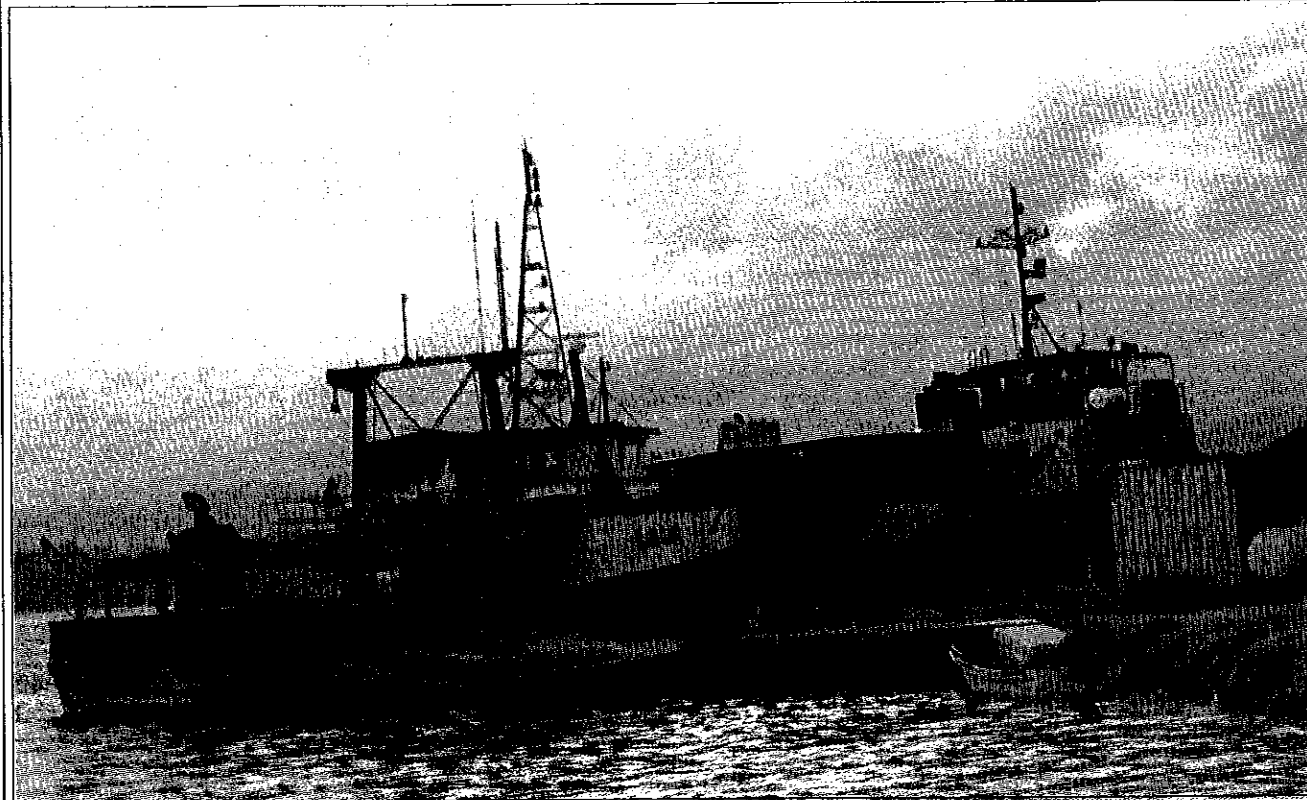
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Shipowners are instructed to comply or face detention

PORTS AND HARBOUR ACTING

Principal Licensing, Kembro Manderson yesterday confirmed that three local inter-coastal passenger and cargo vessels have been detained by the Ports and Harbour Department.

The detained vessels are LC Saravenua, MV Makila, and MV Island Claws.

A circular issued by the Shipping Section of the Department of Ports and Marine instructed all domestic fleets (vessels) owner operators and masters to apply for an annual Survey for the year 2015.

Mr Manderson told Daily Post that shipowners are being reminded that vessels are and will be detained if they do not have their safety certificate endorsed.

According to Shipping Act Part 4 concerning Safety

Certificates the owner, master, or bosun of such vessel shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction thereof shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Vt100,000 or a sentence of imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both such fine and imprisonment.

Failure to produce a safety certificate, and certificates of competency of the officers, engineers or mechanics of the vessel by owner, master or bosun when demanded by the Principal Licensing Officer, shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction shall be liable to a fine not exceeding Vt25,000 or to a sentence of imprisonment not exceeding 2 months or both such fine and imprisonment.

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According to the Ports Department Circular, the owner of a vessel shall make application for a survey to the Principal Licensing Officer not less than 2 months prior to the date on which a safety certificate is desired to become effective.

The sole purpose of the survey is to ensure that vessels are seaworthy and

comply with all requirements including qualified crews and gears.

"This instruction is issued to inform you all that the Marine Inspectors and Licensing Officers will be conducting continuous spot checks this year, vessels not complying will be detained on the spot," stated the letter which was signed by the Acting Principal Licensing Officer.

He said vessels should be prepared as Officer will be boarding ships at any time and will also be checking for slipping dates.

"If any identified vessels pass the identified date t go on the slipway, a detention order will be issued accordingly," he warned.

Meanwhile the three vessels mentioned were detained for not docking.