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SIERRA LEONE: DISEMBARKING STOWAWAYS

The Sierra Leone Ports and Harbors Authority (the “Authority”) now require that vessels wanting to deviate from planned voyages to disembark stowaways after leaving the territorial waters of the countries where the stowaways embarked, must be granted permission to discharge the stowaways from the Authority at the port where the vessel intends to deviate to.

Furthermore, the Authority will levy a US\$ 2,000 fine for each stowaway disembarked and dissuade vessels from considering Sierra Leone a jurisdiction where stowaways can be easily disembarked.

Members are asked to note the foregoing. They also thank the Club’s correspondents [McLeans Group—WAMS](#) and [Africa Marine Services \(Europe\) Ltd.](#) for providing the information upon which this Alert has been based.