



Maritime and Coastguard Agency

MARINE INFORMATION NOTE

**MIN 407 (M+F)**

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## M-Notices: Pricing and Availability Information

### Notice to all recipients of M-Notices

*This notice replaces MIN 378 and expires 31 March 2012.*

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#### Summary

M-Notices publicise important safety, pollution prevention and other relevant information to the maritime industry eg shipping and fishing vessels, commercial yachts and small passenger vessels.

- Current M-Notices are listed on-line at [www.mcga.gov.uk](http://www.mcga.gov.uk) .
- Electronic copies can be accessed and printed from our website free of charge.
- Paper copies are available by subscription from EC Group.

### 1. Types of M-Notice

- Merchant Shipping Notices (MSNs): explain or form a part of maritime safety regulations.
- Marine Guidance Notes (MGNs): set out important advice, guidance and strong recommendations about best practice.
- Marine Information Notes (MINs): contain less important time-limited information and changes of addresses.

1.1 Notices marked “M” are particularly relevant to merchant shipping and those marked “F” are particularly relevant to fishing vessels.

### 2. Carriage Requirements

2.1 Regulation 27 of Chapter V of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) requires: *Nautical charts and nautical publications, such as sailing directions, lists of lights, notices to mariners, tide tables and all other nautical publications necessary for the intended voyage, shall be adequate and up to date.* See <http://www.mcga.gov.uk/c4mca/mcga07-home/shipsandcargoes/mcga-shipsregsandguidance/mcga-spubs.htm>

2.2 The carriage of M-Notices forms part of the nautical publications requirement above. M-Notices can be carried in paper or electronic format, provided they are continually accessible to all relevant individuals.

### 3. Listings

3.1 A list of active MINs, MGNs and MSNs can be read, downloaded and printed from our

website. Please go to the following link:- <http://www.mcga.gov.uk/c4mca/mcga07-home/shipsandcargoes/mcga-shipsregsandguidance/marinenotices/mcga-spt-m-notice-record.htm> where you will find lists of current MSNs, MGNs and MINs at the bottom of the page. For those without internet access, a paper copy can be requested on 023 8032 9391.

- 3.2 An interactive Microsoft Office Excel spreadsheet containing records of all past and current M-Notices is also available upon request by e-mailing [mnotices@mcga.gov.uk](mailto:mnotices@mcga.gov.uk) .

#### **4. Electronic Copies**

- 4.1 M-Notices are available to download free of charge from our website. You can also subscribe to a free electronic notification service, details of which can be found on our website at <http://www.mcga.gov.uk/c4mca/mcga07-home/shipsandcargoes/mcga-shipsregsandguidance/marinenotices/mcga-spt-availability.htm> .

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- 5.2 Our latest subscription rates for that service are on page 3 of this notice. The subscription covers the period from 1 April 2011 – 31 March 2012.
- 5.3 Individual paper copies are available from our distributor (see above) or from any of our locations. In the interests of efficiency, your requested M-Notice will be printed “on demand” which might mean a delay. We call these ad-hoc orders.
- 5.4 In the interests of our subscribers we have kept our price increases as low as possible and, so that we can continue to do so, we are unable to provide more than 50 copies a year free of charge under the ad-hoc order system. If you require more copies please call 023 80329391 for a quotation.

#### **6. Consolidated Volumes**

- 6.1 The consolidated set of all M-Notices current on 31 July 2011 will be published Sep/Oct 2011 by The Stationery Office. For further information on this please contact:-

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