

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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Port of Southampton – Vessel Traffic Monitoring Notification and Reporting Requirements for Ships and Ports

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that vessels entering the Port of Southampton are required to provide the information stated in Merchant Shipping Notice (MSN)1899 in order to comply with Merchant Shipping (Vessel Traffic Monitoring and Reporting Requirements) Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/2110) (as amended).

In summary, the MSN applies to all ships of 300 gross tonnage and above, fishing vessels, traditional ships, and recreational craft with a length of 45 metres or more. Notification is also required by all ships regardless of size, either departing from or bound to Southampton when carrying dangerous or polluting goods. There are also reporting requirements in the event of an accident/incident.

The MSN also explains processes for collecting information to meet reporting obligations described in European Union (EU) Directive 2010/65/EU. Information which must be passed to port authorities in order to meet these obligations should be collected electronically and using the Consolidated European Reporting System (CERS) Workbook where appropriate. The Workbook has been produced in collaboration with industry and aims to streamline reporting processes for vessels arriving at UK ports.

Attention is also drawn to MSN 1796 'Designation of Vessel Traffic Services' that identifies and designates UK Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) for the purpose of requiring compliance by shipping with regulations 6 and 7 of the Merchant Shipping (Vessel Traffic Monitoring and Reporting Requirements) Regulations 2004, implementing European Parliament and Council Directive 2002/59/EC. The MSN also provides the formal identification of UK VTS within UK waters for the benefit of the compliance of shipping with the Regulations and SOLAS Chapter V, Regulation 12.

MSN 1899 and 1796 can be found on the MCA website at www.gov.uk.

This Notice remains in force until cancelled.

**Vessel Traffic Services Centre
Ocean Gate, Atlantic Way
Southampton**

**Captain P J A Buckley
Harbour Master**

21st January 2020

**Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing
Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the
masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.**