
M-Notices: M-Notice Paper Subscription Service Ends 31 March 2012

Notice to all M-Notice Subscribers

This MIN expires 31 March 2014

Summary

The paper-based M-Notice subscription service will end on 31 March 2012.

All M-Notices are free to download from our website and the e-subscription service remains unaffected.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 In light of responses to the consultation set out in MIN 420 issued in November 2011, the MCA has decided to end the paper-based M-Notice subscription service on 31 March 2012.
- 1.2 M-Notices are available to download from the MCA website. Subscribers can also register for our free e-subscription notification service, details of which can be found on our website by clicking on the following link :- <http://www.mcga.gov.uk/c4mca/mcga07-home/shipsandcargoes/mcga-shipsregsandguidance/marinenotices/mcga-spt-availability.htm>
- 1.3 Regulation 27 of Chapter V of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) requires that *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.* The MCA consider M-Notices as a part of the nautical publications required to satisfy Regulation 27. M-Notices can be carried in paper or electronic format, provided they are continually accessible to all relevant individuals.
- 1.4 There has been a significant and sustained decline in the number of subscribers to the MCA's paper-based M Notice distribution service. Given the UK Government's shift to digital services, the Agency believes that the time is now right to stop the

paid-for paper M Notice subscription service, and move fully to a free email subscription service.

2. Consolidated Volumes

2.1 The consolidated set of all M-Notices current on 31 July 2011 was published 28 Sep 2011 by The Stationery Office. The ISBN is 9780115532061. For further information on this please contact:-

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