



Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) Commemoration

Notice to all Ship Owners, Ship Operators, Terminal Operators, Port Authorities, Classification Societies, Ships' Agents, Charterers, Shippers, Consignors, Training Providers, Masters, Officers and crews of UK Merchant Ships in port, at anchor or moored within harbours in UK

This MIN expires 9th May 2015

Summary

On 8 May 2015, vessels in United Kingdom ports and harbours are encouraged to sound a signal at a designated time of 1500 Hrs (1400 Hrs UTC) to commemorate and celebrate 70th anniversary of the VE Day.

1. Commemoration and Celebration of the VE Day

- 1.1 Friday 8 May 2015 is the anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe Day), marking 70 years since the end of the second world war in Europe. The occasion will be commemorated with events across the United Kingdom and it is befitting that UK merchant ships in ports, anchored or moored within the UK harbours are also included within this historic event.
- 1.2 Vessels berthed, anchored or moored in harbours are encouraged to use a commemorative sound signal, subject to local harbour authority's approval, a single blast of 5 to 10 seconds' duration on the ships' whistle, at 1500 Hrs BST (1400 Hrs UTC), on Friday 8 May 2015.

2. Further Information

- 2.1 It was precisely at 1500 Hrs local time on 8th May 1945 that Sir Winston Churchill had formally and officially announced "Victory in Europe" to the general UK public.
- 2.2 More information on VE Day can be found on the Government website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/search?q=VE+day>



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