



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 amends recent MIN 504 which is cancelled with immediate effect.

This MIN expires 10th May 2015

Summary

Due to Cabinet Office updates, covering the details and schedules of various VE Day activities, being received recently the earlier MIN 504 is hereby cancelled with updated information being provided by this MIN.

On 9 May 2015, vessels in United Kingdom ports and harbours are encouraged to sound a signal at a designated time of 1100 Hrs (1000 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 celebrated the following day, 9th May 2015, 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 1100 Hrs BST (1000 Hrs UTC), on Saturday 9 May 2015.

2. Further Information

2.1 VE Day itself (Friday 8 May) will be a day of remembrance. A service of remembrance will be held at The Cenotaph, including a national two minute silence at 1500 Hrs BST, marking the moment Sir Winston Churchill broadcast his historic speech formally announcing the end of the war. The Queen and the leaders of the political parties will be in attendance.

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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