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### Exemptions, Hazmat, and Merchant Shipping Notice (MSN) 1899

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This Advice Note serves as a reminder of CERS exemption processes, reporting requirements relating to hazardous materials, and information on the new Merchant Shipping Notice (MSN).

1. Exemptions are available for scheduled services as detailed in [Marine Guidance Note 438](#). Further exemption information can be found on the *FAQ and help* tab of the Workbook.
2. Waste exemptions are available as detailed in [Marine Guidance Note 563](#) and can be applied for by vessels on scheduled routes. All vessels must complete the *Waste* tab of the CERS Workbook unless an exemption is in place: an MCA approved Waste Management Plan does not exempt vessels from reporting their waste notification to CERS.
3. Operators are reminded that the *Outgoing Hazmat* tab must be completed as necessary on vessel departure, and therefore, if required, the updated CERS Workbook must be uploaded multiple times to ensure all information is captured.
4. Our new Merchant Shipping Notice [MSN 1899](#) is now available online. As stipulated during the consultation exercise in November 2019, no new requirements have been introduced: this document merely combines the information contained in MSN 1831 and MIN 540. The outcome report of the consultation can be found [here](#).

Please contact [CERS3@mcga.gov.uk](mailto:CERS3@mcga.gov.uk) for any further information.

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