



## **Issuance of Merchant Shipping Notices by the Seychelles Maritime Safety Administration (SMSA)**

**Merchant Shipping Notice 01/ 2018**

**TO: All Shipowners, Operators, Masters and Officers of Foreign going Ships registered by Seychelles and Recognized Organizations acting on behalf of the Administration**

**Subject: Issuance of Republic of Seychelles Merchant Shipping Notices**

Reference: (a) Merchant Shipping Act 1995

(b) Merchant Shipping Regulations

(c) International Maritime Organization Mandatory Instruments Implementation Code (III Code)

### **1. Purpose**

The purpose of this Notice is to establish and describe the use of Republic of Seychelles Merchant Shipping Notices issued by the Seychelles Maritime Safety Administration (SMSA) to ensure the implementation of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1995 and its amendments as well as international maritime instruments ratified or acceded to by the Republic.

### **2. Objective**

It is to be recalled that SMSA communicates relevant information to mariners through the notice to mariner issued by the Administration. SMSA informs all the concerned that the issuance of such notice to mariners will continue.

While the objective of the notice to mariners is to provide relevant guidance and information to its clients, the issuance of the Merchant shipping notices will enable SMSA to discharge responsibilities dealing with maritime safety, security and the protection of marine environment and the prevention of pollution and matters not otherwise specifically addressed by the Merchant Shipping Act or Regulations.

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#### **3. Applicability**

- 1) Merchant Shipping Notices issued by SMSA setting forth mandatory requirements shall be construed to have the effect and applicability of Rules promulgated under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, or Regulations.
- 2) Each Merchant Shipping Notice identifies those parties to whom the Notice is applicable. For example, this Notice applies to all shipowners, operators, Masters and officers of foreign going vessels registered by Seychelles and, Recognized Organizations (ROs) delegated to act on behalf of the Administration.

#### **4. Requirements**

- 1) SMSA requires that ship owners and masters of foreign going vessels registered by Seychelles ensure that all Merchant Shipping notices issued by SMSA are maintained on board, either in hard copy or electronically, and that the contents of each is properly disseminated to and understood by all persons affected by or having an interest in the subject matter.
- 2) The Merchant Shipping Notices shall contain the date of issue, a number, reference of the national legislation upon which it was issued along with scope of application
- 3) All such Merchant Shipping Notices and notice to mariners shall be posted on SMSA's website.
- 4) The appropriate issue date is reflected in the Index. Those which have been revised or are new during the time noted at the beginning of the Index are indicated with an asterisk (\*).
- 5) Merchant Shipping Notices issued by SMSA shall be considered an integral part of Safety Management System as required by the International Safety Management (ISM) Code, International Maritime Organization (IMO) Resolution A.741(18), Section 1.2.3.2.

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