

### NEW FORMAT FOR MARINE NOTICES AND THE INTRODUCTION OF THREE NEW CATEGORIES OF MARINE INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED BY SAMSA, EFFECTIVE 01 APRIL 2021

ALL SAMSA PERSONNEL, SHIP AGENTS, PORT AUTHORITIES, SHIP OWNERS, SHIP MANAGERS, SEAFARERS AND OTHER INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

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#### Marine Information Notice's and /or Marine Notice's affected

<i>Cancelled or superseded:</i>	None	<i>Read in conjunction with:</i>	Not Applicable
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#### SUMMARY

SAMSA brings to the attention of the Maritime industry changes relating to the format of Marine Notices and the introduction of three new categories of information viz. Marine Information Notice, Marine Alert and Marine Safety Flash

- SAMSA has been issuing Marine Notices since its inception in 1998 and still has valid Marine Notices issued during the Department of Transport (DoT) era, prior 1998.
- SAMSA has identified the need to categorise the current information being issued to the Maritime Industry in ways of Marine Notices and has decided to implement three new categories to segregate information, with effect 01 April 2021.

The three new categories of information are:

- Marine Information Notice
- Marine Alert
- Marine Safety Flash.

- The information contained in each type is detailed below:

#### .1 **Marine Notices (MN)**

A Marine Notice will explain, and detail technical/statutory requirements linked to legislation.

MN's shall be issued with a suffix as follows:

- (C) for Marine Notices relating to Convention vessels
- (F) for Marine Notices relating to the Fishing vessels
- (S) for Marine Notices relating to Small vessels under the Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations 2007
- (P) for Marine Notices relating to Port Operation vessels

A combination of suffixes may be used when a Marine Notice applies to two or more types of vessels, e.g., MN 01-21 (C+F) or MN 02-21 (F+S+P) or MN 03-21 (C+F+S+P)

Marine Notices will be numbered annually and consecutively.

MN's will be valid for 5 years but may be withdrawn earlier if changes to information contained therein is required or the information provided is no longer applicable.

#### .2 **Marine Information Notice (MIN)**

A Marine Information Notice (MIN) shall contain information which are temporary in nature. It will also be issued to advise industry of proposed implementation/regulatory changes that will come into force in the near future (e.g. change in telephone numbers, COVID 19 related, suspension of level 3 examinations, office closures, forthcoming amendments to regulations, etc.).

MIN's will be numbered annually and consecutively, e.g. MIN 01-21

A Marine Information Notice will be valid for a period of one year or may be withdrawn earlier if changes to information are required or the information provided is no longer applicable.

If The information in the Marine Information Notice is still valid on its expiry date a new MIN will be issued replacing the current Marine Information Notice.

### .3 **Marine Alert (MA)**

A Marine Alert shall contain information of lessons learned arising from investigations into incidents or casualties.

A marine incident means an event, or sequence of events, other than a marine casualty, which has occurred directly in connection with the operations of a ship that endangered, or, if not corrected, would endanger the safety of the ship, its occupants or any other person or the environment.

A marine casualty means which is an event, or a sequence of events, that has resulted in injury/loss of life/damage or loss of a ship or damage to the environment; or

A very serious marine casualty which involves the total loss of the ship or a death or severe damage to the environment

Marine Alert's will be numbered annually and consecutively, e.g. MA 01-21

A Marine Alert will have no expiry date but may be withdrawn earlier should there be a need to revise, amend or add on to the existing information due to change of circumstances. E.g. amending lessons learnt from similar incidents or change in relevant legislation

### .4 **Marine Safety Flash (MSF)**

A Marine Safety Flash shall be published when reliable information is received regarding failures to equipment, interferences from sources causing failure of other important equipment etc.

Marine Safety Flash's will be numbered annually and consecutively, e.g. MSF 01-21

A Marine Safety Flash shall remain valid until revoked or legislation is amended to address the contents of the MSF.

- 4 Examples of the above formats are provided in the annexes.
- 5 These new formats are effective from 01 April 2021.
- 6 Existing Marine Notices remain valid until withdrawn and shall be categorised into the aforementioned new formats in due course.
- 7 All existing Marine Notices and those to be issued in the new formats will be available on SAMSA's website at [www.samsa.org.za](http://www.samsa.org.za).
- 8 Annexes:
  - 1) Sample format of Marine Notice
  - 2) Sample format of Marine Information Notice
  - 3) Sample format of Marine Alert
  - 4) Sample format of Marine Safety Flash

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# Annex 1

## Sample Format of a Marine Notice



### MARINE NOTICE

MN XX-YY (C+F+S+P)

#### TITLE OF THE MARINE NOTICE IN CAPITALS

REGIONAL MANAGERS, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, SHIP AGENTS, PORT AUTHORITIES, SHIP OWNERS, SHIP MANAGERS, SEAFARERS AND OTHER INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

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#### Marine Notice's affected

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## Annex 2

### Sample Format of a Marine Information Notice



## MARINE INFORMATION NOTICE

MIN XX-YY

### TITLE OF THE MARINE INFORMATION NOTICE IN CAPITALS

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All Marine Notices can be found at [www.samsa.org.za](http://www.samsa.org.za)  
Email: [marinenotices@samsa.org.za](mailto:marinenotices@samsa.org.za)

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## Annex 3

### Sample Format of a Marine Alert



## MARINE ALERT

MA XX-YY

### TITLE OF THE MARINE ALERT IN CAPTIALS

ALL SAMS PERSONNEL, SHIP AGENTS, PORT AUTHORITIES, SHIP OWNERS, SHIP MANAGERS, SEAFARERS AND OTHER INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

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#### LESSONS LEARNED

Casualty Event Severity	
Casualty Type	
Casualty Event	
Date/Time	
Incident Description	
Potential Outcome	
Causes (Immediate, root causes)	
Corrective Actions/Preventative actions	
Lessons Learned	

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## Annex 4

### Sample Format of a Marine Safety Flash



## MARINE SAFETY FLASH

MSF XX-YY

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