

# MSN 1796 (M+F) Amendment 1

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## Vessel Traffic Services - Designation of Vessel Traffic Services in the United Kingdom

Notice to all Shipowners, Port and VTS Authorities, VTS Operators, Masters and Deck Officers of Merchant Vessels and Skippers and Watchkeepers of Fishing and Recreational Vessels.

*This notice amends MSN 1796 (M+F)*

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**PLEASE NOTE:-**

Where this document provides guidance on the law it should not be regarded as definitive. The way the law applies to any particular case can vary according to circumstances - for example, from vessel to vessel and you should consider seeking independent legal advice if you are unsure of your own legal position.

**Summary**

- This notice details amendments to Merchant Shipping Notice 1796 and its associated Annex.

1. This notice amends the Merchant Shipping Notice 1796 (M+F) in the ways described below.
  - 1.1 Replace the note below the title section with: *This notice should be read with the Merchant Shipping (Vessel Traffic Monitoring and Reporting Requirements) Regulations 2004 (as amended) and Marine Guidance Note (MGN) 401: Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) and Local Port Services (LPS) in the United Kingdom (as amended).*
  - 1.2 In paragraph 1.3 the word *Schemes* should be replaced by *Services*.
  - 1.3 Replace paragraph 1.4 with; *Where the MCA designates a VTS, which is operated in accordance with MGN 401 (as amended), those vessels which are subject to the 2004 Regulations must comply with the rules of that VTS.*
  - 1.4 In paragraph 2. the text 'having a length of less than 45 metres' should be inserted as follows;
    - .3 fishing vessels *having a length of less than 45 metres*;
    - .4 traditional ships *having a length of less than 45 metres*;
  - 1.5 Replace heading 4. with; **4. Maintenance of standards in accordance with MCA Guidelines**

1.6 Replace paragraph 4.1 with; *The authority identified in the designation is responsible for ensuring that the VTS is operated in accordance with MGN 401 (as amended).*

1.7 Replace paragraph 5.2.1 with; *confirmation by the port and VTS authority that the VTS will be operated in accordance with MGN 401 (as amended).*

1.8 Annex 1 should be replaced by;

Annex 1

| <b>VTS CENTRE</b>                      | <b>SERVICE TYPES</b> |
|--|----------------------|
| Aberdeen                               | INS ,TOS             |
| Belfast                                | INS, TOS             |
| Bristol                                | INS, <b>TOS</b>      |
| Channel Navigation Information Service | INS                  |
| Dover Port                             | INS, TOS             |
| Forth and Tay Navigation Service       | INS, TOS             |
| Harwich Haven                          | INS, TOS, NAS        |
| Humber Estuary                         | INS, TOS             |
| Larne                                  | INS, TOS             |
| Liverpool                              | INS                  |
| London Port Control Centre (Gravesend) | INS, TOS, NAS        |
| London Thames Barrier (Woolwich)       | INS, TOS, NAS        |
| Medway                                 | INS, TOS             |
| Milford Haven                          | INS, TOS             |
| Nab                                    | INS, <b>TOS</b>      |
| Orkney                                 | INS                  |
| Peterhead                              | INS, TOS             |
| Plymouth                               | INS, TOS, <b>NAS</b> |
| Poole                                  | INS                  |
| Portsmouth                             | INS, TOS             |
| Southampton                            | INS, TOS             |
| Sullom Voe                             | INS, TOS             |
| Sunk                                   | INS                  |
| Tees and Hartlepool                    | INS, TOS, <b>NAS</b> |
| Tyne                                   | INS                  |

Information Service (INS): A service to ensure that essential information becomes available in time for on-board navigational decision making.

Traffic Organisation Service (TOS): A service to prevent the development of dangerous maritime traffic situations and to provide for the safe and efficient movement of vessel traffic within the VTS area.

Navigational Assistance Service (NAS): A service to assist on-board decision making and to monitor its effects, especially in difficult navigational or meteorological circumstances or in the case of defects or deficiencies.

See MGN 401 (as amended) for full description of service types.

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