

## **GUIDANCE NOTE 01/2017**

### **CAYMAN ISLANDS SHIPPING NOTICES AND GUIDANCE NOTES**

**To: OWNERS, MANAGERS, MASTERS AND OTHERS WITH AN INTEREST RELATING TO CAYMAN ISLANDS SHIPS**

#### **1. BACKGROUND**

In the past, the Cayman Islands Shipping Registry has used "Shipping Notices" to promulgate pertinent information and guidance to those with an interest relating to Cayman Islands shipping. "Shipping Notices" have been used to convey information of various types including requirements to be met, guidance on existing requirements, forthcoming major changes to International Conventions, etc.

Since 2015 such information has been promulgated by the use of "Shipping Notices" and "Guidance Notes". Both of which are freely available from [www.cishipping.com](http://www.cishipping.com).

#### **2. SHIPPING NOTICES**

Shipping Notices continue to be used to promulgate the following information:

- Mandatory legal requirements where the Shipping Notice is referenced in either primary or secondary merchant shipping legislation in force in the Cayman Islands;
- To indicate the adoption in the Cayman Islands of an IMO Circular or Resolution;
- Clarification of Convention requirements which are to be "to the satisfaction of the Administration";
- Clarification of "vague expressions" when used in Convention text;
- Adoption of "Unified Interpretations";
- Publication of Fees and Charges;
- Promulgation of matters "to be prescribed" in Laws and Regulations; and
- Other matters of a mandatory nature.

### 3. GUIDANCE NOTES

“Guidance Notes” are used to disseminate information of a more informative nature. Typically, these Notes are used to inform interested parties on:

- Forthcoming changes to International Conventions which are likely to have a significant impact on Cayman Islands ships;
- Guidance on complying with future and existing requirements;
- Recommendations on “best practice”, where appropriate;
- Information of an administrative nature relating to the Cayman Islands Shipping Registry and the Maritime Authority of the Cayman Islands;
- “Lessons Learned” from casualty investigations, port state control activities, and surveys and inspections conducted; and
- Selected information of interest to Cayman Islands ships visiting other jurisdictions.

### 4. EXISTING SHIPPING NOTICES

Historical Shipping Notices remain available from [www.cishipping.com](http://www.cishipping.com). As part of the process of introducing the “Guidance Note”, all historic notices were reviewed and either remain as a “Shipping Notice” or have been reclassified as a “Guidance Note”.

For those notices now reissued as “Guidance Notes”, the index number (NN/YYYY) has been retained from the original Shipping Notice. For example, the previous Shipping Notice “CISN 03/2012” has been reissued as Guidance Note “CIGN 03/2012”. This was necessary to avoid renumbering all existing Shipping Notices.

### 5. ACCESSING SHIPPING NOTICES AND GUIDANCE NOTES

All Shipping Notices and Guidance remain available from [www.cishipping.com](http://www.cishipping.com) and from the Cayman Islands Regulatory Information Service (CIRIS).

In 2016 the Maritime Authority of the Cayman Islands launched a new and improved website (using the existing URL [www.cishipping.com](http://www.cishipping.com) ). This website has separate sections for [Shipping Notices](#) and [Guidance Notes](#).

There is also a “Subscribe” button on the Shipping Notice and Guidance Note pages of the CISR website.

To subscribe to receive all Shipping Notices and Guidance Notes as they are published, [CLICK HERE<sup>1</sup>](#).

### 6. NUMBERING OF SHIPPING NOTICES AND GUIDANCE NOTES

From 01 January 2017 Shipping Notices and Guidance Notes will use separate numbering series. That is, Shipping Notices will start with “CISN 01/2017” and Guidance Notes with “CIGN 01/2017”.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://cishipping.us4.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=ada832e5ad9b198e74289ba56&id=bdd314ffd0>