

SHIPPING NOTICE 2022/15: CONDITIONS FOR CARRYING OUT SHIP TO SHIP (STS) TRANSFER OPERATIONS.

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No.	Related Documents	Status *
1	Latest version of Tide table	Active
2	ISPS ship pre-arrival form (F-51/52.001)	Active
3	Maritime Declaration of Health form (F-51/52.021)	Active
4	Questions related to the Ebola outbreak (F51/52.027)	Active
5	Shipping notice 2015/01 Minimum requirements for safe and efficient passage of sea-going vessels in Surinamese waters	Active
6	Relevant Shipping notices of area on www.mas.sr	Active
7	Relevant Nautical Charts and Electronic Nautical Charts on www.mas.sr	Active
8	Relevant NtM of the STS area on www.mas.sr	Active
9	Shipping Notice 2021/02 Conditions for Carrying Out Ship to Ship (STS) Transfer Operations	Expired and replaced by Shipping Notice 2022/15

Conditions for conducting Ship to Ship (STS) transfer operations.

To conduct an STS transfer operation, the Maritime Authority Suriname (MAS) shall receive the following information:

1. ship particulars of the ships that will participate in this operation. These include inter alia:
 - the ship types.
 - the Length Over All (LOA).
 - the width.
 - the draft and.
 - the number of anchors.

2. Vessels participating in this operation must hold valid certificates. For verification and approval, the MAS shall receive a copy of the following certificates 7 (seven) working days before the STS operation:
 - Certificate of registry.
 - International Tonnage certificate.
 - International Load Line certificate.
 - Cargo Ship Safety Construction certificate.
 - International Oil Pollution Prevention (IOPP) Certificate (oil tankers \geq 150 GT and all other ships \geq 400 GT).
 - Ship to Ship (STS) Operation Plan.
 - International Ship Security Certificate (ISS certificate).
 - Document of Compliance (DoC).

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- International Safety Management certificate (ISM).
 - Certificate of Seaworthiness (applies to local vessels); and
 - a copy of a valid Protection and Indemnity (P & I) insurance cover of the ships which covers the liability for inter alia wreck removal, oil pollution, collision with other vessels and loss of or damage to floating or fixed objects. For local vessels, a bank guarantee or insurance that covers above mentioned liabilities.
3. The shipping agent should:
- submit a fully completed "Notice to Mariners" request form to the MAS (the Maritime Administration Department) at least 5 (five) working days before the start of the operation;
 - provide suitable fenders (pads) to conduct the STS operation;
 - provide the Customs and Immigration approval for the operation; and
 - submit a charter request for a boat to conduct a safety inspection by the MAS on STS location prior to or during STS operation.
4. Operation
- during the STS operation the AIS of all ships should always be "on";
 - notification to the Vessel Traffic Control (VTC) of the MAS of start and ending of the operation is compulsory;
 - a security zone with a radius of 400 (four hundred) meter around the area of operation should be maintained;
 - ISPS provisions (Declaration of Security) should be in place; and
 - during or the latest at the end of the operation MAS to receive a report of the Master of the mother ship regarding the conditions (meteorological) during the operation.
 - STS operations of dangerous Cargo is not allowed.

The areas where STS operations can be performed will be determined by the MAS based on the area of operation, the cargo to be transferred, the ship's draft, and weather conditions.

Failing to comply with conditions 1 - 3 will result in rejection of permission for this operation.
Failing to comply with condition 4 will result into abortion of the operation.

Approved by the
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