



**REPUBLIC OF  
THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**

**MARITIME ADMINISTRATOR**

**Marine Notice**

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**TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS, AND OFFICERS OF  
MERCHANT SHIPS, RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**

**SUBJECT: Issuance of Republic of the Marshall Islands Marine Notices**

**Reference:** (a) RMI [Maritime Act](#) 1990 (MI-107)  
(b) RMI [Maritime Regulations](#) (MI-108)

**PURPOSE**

This Notice describes the issuance of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Marine Notices (MNs).

This MN supersedes Rev. 7/15. No substantive updates have been made.

**APPLICABILITY**

This MN applies to all shipowners, operators, Masters, officers of RMI-flagged vessels, and Recognized Organizations (ROs).

**REQUIREMENTS**

**1.0 General**

MNs are mandatory instruments used to promulgate additional rules, regulations, and policy directives beyond those contained in the RMI [Maritime Act](#) 1990 (hereinafter the “Maritime Act”) or the RMI [Maritime Regulations](#) (hereinafter the “Maritime Regulations”). When properly promulgated by the Administrator, MNs have the force and effect of regulations.<sup>1</sup> Each MN identifies those parties to whom it is applicable in the “Applicability” section.

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1. [Maritime Regulations](#), §1.01.2

## **2.0 Numbering**

Marine Notices are generally numbered according to their corresponding [Maritime Regulations](#) section number. For example, MN [2-013-4](#) addresses specific requirements for Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plans and their approval procedures. It is an expansion of the overarching regulation 2.13 in the Maritime Regulations, which broadly establishes the Administrator's requirements for the prevention of pollution by oil from ships. The MN's last digit, 4, is an issued control number.

## **3.0 Index**

An [Index](#) of Marine Notices in effect is published on the website. They are electronically published and distributed when issued, amended, or deleted. Each MN is dated with either an original issue date or revision date and they come into force upon publication. The relevant effective date is also 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 (\*). Those that are no longer active show their deletion by strike out and the date this occurred.

## **4.0 Maintenance**

In accordance with the [Maritime Regulations](#), §1.01.4, shipowners and Masters must ensure that their RMI-flagged vessels have all necessary and pertinent information issued by the Administrator; and that they are in compliance with the requirements of all applicable instruments, including relevant MNs. In addition, they must ensure that each instrument's content is properly disseminated to and understood by their stakeholders. See also MN [2-011-1](#) and MN [1-000-4](#).

## **5.0 ROs**

Marine Notices relevant to implementing and enforcing international instruments must be considered annexed to the agreements between the Administrator and its ROs, and an extension of the ROs' authorizations. See MN [2-011-29](#) for additional relevant regulations.