



**MALDIVES CUSTOMS SERVICE
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ANNOUNCEMENT

Appointment of Secondary Shipping Agents

Effective from **15th February 2021**, for inbound and outbound vessels, the owner or master may appoint secondary shipping (husbandry) agents in addition to the primary shipping agents appointed for the vessels.

The secondary agents shall choose the services they wish to provide in their application, and Customs Act and General Regulation govern their conduct.

The procedure for appointing secondary agents is as follows.

1. Submit to Customs the Application form for “Appointing Secondary Shipping Agent” (Form No: MCS-160) along with a document from vessel owner, master or principal assigning the said agent and the services to acquire from the agent.
2. Only those parties registered with Customs as Shipping Agents can be appointed as Secondary agents.
3. Secondary agents may provide services such as crew change, garbage disposal, spares and repairs, supply of fuel and provisions, facilitating transfer of arms and ammunition and security personnel for vessels, etc.
4. Only one secondary shipping agent can be appointed for each international voyage of the vessel. Procedures for changing of shipping agents specified in Customs General Regulations is applied for changing or removing secondary shipping agents.

Therefore, as mentioned above, appointment of Secondary Shipping Agents will be commenced effective **15th February 2021**. The required Application Form for “Appointing Secondary Shipping Agent” (Form No: MCS-160) can be downloaded via www.customs.gov.mv.

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