

**S.I. 39 of 2025****MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT***(Cap. 282)***Prohibition Against Approaching the Dangerous Wrecks Notice, 2025**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 180 of the Merchant Shipping Act (Cap.282) (hereinafter referred to as the Act), the Chief Executive Officer of the Seychelles Maritime Safety Authority having satisfied that the wrecked vessel poses a potential danger to life or to the property hereby declares the area around the wrecked vessel as prohibited area and makes the following notice —

**Citation and commencement**

1. This notice may be cited as the Merchant Shipping, Prohibition Against Approaching Dangerous Wrecks Notice, 2025 and shall come into force from 03 June 2025 and until such date as the Chief Executive Officer rescinds this notice.

**Declaration of a prohibited area around a dangerous wreck**

2. Whereas, the Chief Executive Officer of the Seychelles Maritime Safety Authority is satisfied that the vessel described hereunder is in the condition which poses a potential danger to life or to the property due to hazardous cargo, structural instability, fuel leakage and safety of navigation; and it is to be protected from any unauthorised interference.

**Description of the Wrecked Vessel****Name of Vessel:** SERDAL**Type:** Cargo Vessel**Flag State:** COMOROS**IMO Number:** 9856775**Date of Wreck:** 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2025**Nature of Danger:** Unsafe for Navigation

### **Prohibition**

3. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (1) of section 180 of the Act (Cap.282), the area around the wrecked vessel described in paragraph 4 is declared as a “Prohibited Area”.

### **Extent of the Prohibited Area**

4. The prohibited area is Anchorage 14 (Lat 4 deg 37.2 S, Long 55 deg 28.9E) is closed to all traffic until further notice.

### **Offence**

5. (a) Pursuant to subsection (3) of section 180 of the Act, no person shall enter the prohibited area described in paragraph 4, without prior written authorisation from the Chief Executive Officer.

(b) Any person who enters the prohibited area described in paragraph 4, in contravention of this notice commits an offence and shall be liable to penalties as prescribed under the Act.

### **Exceptions**

6. The restrictions under this notice shall not apply to —
- (a) persons entering the area in the course of their duties under any written law; and
  - (b) persons who enter the area out of necessity due to weather or navigation hazards.

**MADE this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2025.**

**DANIEL ADAM**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
**SEYCHELLES MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY**

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