

National Maritime Museum- Public Task

Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations

In undertaking its activities, the National Maritime Museum (NMM) produce quantities of 'documents', as defined under the Re-Use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005, the supply of which falls within its 'Public Task'.

This statement describes the National Maritime Museum current Public Task for the purposes of the Re-Use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005 and as amended in 2015 (the Re-Use Regulations).

Royal Museums Greenwich (RMG) is the collective name of the four sites comprising the National Maritime Museum Galleries, the Queen's House, the Royal Observatory and *Cutty Sark* which are administered and operated by the Board of Trustees of the National Maritime Museum.

The Board of Trustees of the National Maritime Museum is an exempt charity and an Executive Non-Departmental Public Body. It receives funding from Government via Grant-in-Aid through the Department for Culture Media and Sport. The Board is guardian of significant national collections (the 'Collection') pertaining to the history of Britain at sea, comprising more than two million items, including maritime art (both British and 17th-century Dutch); cartography; manuscripts including official public records; ship models and plans; scientific and navigational instruments; and instruments for time-keeping and astronomy (based at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich). It has the world's largest maritime historical reference library (135,000 volumes) including books dating back to the 15th century.

National Maritime Museum – Statement of Public Task

The Board of Trustees of the National Maritime Museum's 'public task' consists of its functions under the [National Maritime Museum Acts 1934 & 1989](#), and to generally promote the public's enjoyment and understanding of History, Science and Art both by means of the Collection and by such other means as the Board of Trustees considers appropriate. It also includes objectives set from time to time by its sponsoring government department in its Management Agreement, as well as functions under related legislation, such as the [Public Records Act 1958](#) and the [Freedom of Information Act 2000](#). For further information on the RMG's governance, organisational structure and charitable status refer to www.rmg.co.uk.

The NMM's core public task is therefore to:

- Provide access to the collection and exhibitions: in the NMM, on loan, in partnership with other museums, cultural and educational establishments and in all and any media formats
- The conservation, maintenance, development, safety and security of its assets, including the collection, buildings, infrastructure and grounds

- Generally promote the public's enjoyment and understanding of the History, Science and Art both through the RMG collections and by such other means as NMM considers appropriate
- To fulfil objectives under the guidance of its sponsoring government department
- Form and support partnerships with 3rd party organisations and subsidiaries, including those of a commercial character, where all resultant profits and proceeds are gifted back in full to NMM to support the wider public task

In undertaking its public task the NMM produces, holds and acquires 'documents' as defined under the Re-Use of Public Sector Information (Amendment) Regulations 2015.

More information about the categories of NMM documents available for re-use and the terms on which they are available can be found in the Appendix to this statement.

Questions about the Museum's public task statement may be submitted by email via psi@rmg.co.uk

Complaints about the decisions made by NMM under the Regulations may be submitted to ico.org.uk

This statement of the Museum's public task will be reviewed whenever NMM deems necessary.