

MERCHANT SHIPPING DIRECTORATE NOTICES

1. The Merchant Shipping Directorate which is responsible, inter alia, for the registration of ships under the Malta flag and all matters related to Merchant Shipping, will henceforth use its MSD Notices as the main method of communicating any matter that it wishes from time to time to bring to public attention.
2. Every reasonable effort will be made to ensure a wide distribution of these Notices and these will be circulated, amongst others, to Maltese Embassies and Consulates, the Malta Shipowner Association, and classification societies. It is the responsibility of every shipowner to bring the Notices to the timely attention of all masters and officers engaged on his Maltese ships, and to the managers and operators of these vessels, and to ensure compliance therewith.
3. All current Notices are to be retained permanently on board all Maltese merchant ships and made readily available to masters and officers. In order to assist owners and masters in this matter, a suitable loose-leaf binder containing all current Notices will be made available to existing Maltese ships and to any merchant ship on its entry into Register. Further copies can be obtained from the Merchant Shipping Directorate upon payment of the appropriate fee.
4. The ready availability and proper maintenance of the binder and its contents are a subject for inspection in the 'Publications' section of the 'Ship Safety Inspection Report'.