

MALTA MARITIME AUTHORITY

MERCHANT SHIPPING DIRECTORATE

*Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators and Managers,
and Owners' representatives*

This Notice is a follow up to MSD Notice 19

MSD Notice No 27

**Information on the Issuing Authority of Certificates of Competency
of Masters, Officers and Radio Operators Serving on Maltese
Ships.**

STCW 95 regulations 1/1 0 and 1/1 5 stipulate that by 1 February 2002, certificates of competency of masters, officers and radio officers serving on board ships will also have to be endorsed by the Flag Administration apart from the issuing Authority.

This Directorate is currently in the process of drawing up the relative procedures with a view to start phasing in the new system in the near future.

It would be extremely helpful if owners/operators would inform this Directorate of the total number of masters, officers and radio operators in their employ serving on Maltese ships, according to the nationality of the issuing Authority of their certificate of competency.

A smooth transition to the new system before the 2002 deadline is to the benefit of seafarers, owners and operators, and the Administration. An early response to this Notice is important.

Further information may be obtained from the STCW desk at this Directorate.

Merchant Shipping Directorate Valletta.

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