

MALTA MARITIME AUTHORITY

MERCHANT SHIPPING DIRECTORATE

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

MSD Notice No 37

Certificates in respect of Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage

On the 6 January 2000 Malta acceded to the CLC and Fund 1992 Conventions and denounced the CLC 1969 and Fund 1971 Conventions.

The 1992 Conventions will enter into force for Malta on the 6 January 2001 and consequently, until that time, a CLC 1969 Certificate must still be carried on board Maltese ships carrying more than 2,000 tons of oil in bulk as cargo. Moreover, a CLC 1992 Certificate obtained from a 1992 CLC State shall also be carried on board Maltese ships trading in countries parties to the 1992 Convention.

As from the year 2001 policy, a CLC 1992 Certificate issued by this Directorate shall be carried on board Maltese ships. However, a CLC 1992 Certificates issued by a 1992 CLC State for the year 2000 policy shall remain valid.

Although IMO Resolution A.899(21) adopted in November 1999 invited State Parties to CLC 1969 to accept CLC 1992 Certificates as meeting the requirements of the CLC 1969 Convention it is still advisable that, if possible, ships trading in these countries carry also a CLC 1969 Certificate.

For the year 2000 policy this Directorate will continue to issue CLC 1969 Certificates although these will only be valid up to the 5 January 2001.

Merchant Shipping Directorate
Valletta.

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