

Notice to shipowners, ship operators and managers,

Owners' representatives and Classification Societies

MSD Notice No 41

Authorised Classification Societies

1. A merchant vessel at the time it is being registered as a Maltese ship and during the period of its registration under the Malta flag must be classed with a classification society authorised to issue statutory certificates on behalf of the Government of Malta.
2. Effective from 1 March 2001 the list of these classification societies has been revised as follows:
 - *American Bureau of Shipping*
 - *Bureau Veritas*
 - *Class NK*
 - *Det Norske Veritas*
 - Germanischer Lloyd
 - *Korean Register of Shipping*
 - *Lloyd's Register of Shipping*
 - *RINA*
 - *Russian Maritime Register of Shipping*
3. Maltese ships classed with and certified by any other classification society may continue to be so classed and certified provided that such classification and certification had been approved by the Directorate prior to 1 March 2001.
4. Requests for classification with and certification by any of the societies listed below shall be treated on a case by case basis. It is to be noted, however, that authorisation shall be closely linked to the principal place of business of the ship operators and with the class of the ship during the previous twelve months:

- China Classification Society
 - Croatian Register of Shipping
 - Hellenic Register of Shipping
 - Polish Register of Shipping
5. Existing procedures requiring a ship by ship authorisation for a classification society listed in this notice to issue statutory certificates on behalf of the Government of Malta shall remain in effect.

Merchant Shipping Directories

Valletta

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