



Authorised Classification Societies

MSD Notice No 48

*Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators and Managers,
Owners' representatives and Masters, and Officers
This Notice revokes MSD Notice No 41*

A merchant vessel both at the time that 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 May 2002 the list of these classification societies has been revised as follows:

*American Bureau of Shipping
Bureau Veritas
China Classification Society
Class NK
Det Norske Veritas
Germanischer Lloyd
Korean Register Of Shipping
Lloyd's Register of Shipping
RINA
Russian Maritime Register of Shipping*

3. Furthermore, for the time being, Maltese ships classed with and certified by any of the classification societies listed hereunder may continue to be so classed and certified. However, new requests for classification with and certification by any of these societies shall be treated on a case by case basis. It is to be noted in this regard that, important but not final determining factors, shall be the principal place of business of the ship operators and the class of the ship during the previous twelve months:

*Croatian Register of Shipping
Hellenic Register of Shipping
Polish Register of Shipping*

4. 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.

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Valletta

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