



***Substances That Deplete the Ozone Layer***

***Merchant Shipping Notice No. 61***

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

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The Directorate draws the attention of all concerned that on 1 May 2004, Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union of 29 June 2000 in its up-to-date version, on substances that deplete the ozone layer, shall apply to all ships flying the Malta flag.

Inter alia, the regulation provides that fire protection systems and fire extinguishers containing halons shall be decommissioned by 31 December 2003 except for the following critical uses:

- (a) halon 2402 and 1301 for the making inert of occupied spaces where flammable liquid and/or gas release could occur in existing cargo ships, and
- (b) halon 2402 and 1211 in fire extinguishers essential to personal safety used for initial extinguishing by fire brigades.

Taking into consideration that new installations of halogenated hydrocarbon systems have been prohibited in terms of the Safety of Life at Sea Convention 1974/1978 since 1 October 1994, existing cargo ships are considered those whose keel was laid before that date.

In view of the above, machinery spaces containing internal combustion engines, oil fired boilers or oil fuel units and generators, cargo pump room and other similar spaces are considered as falling under (a) above. All halon 2402 and 1211 portable fire extinguishers provided in accommodation, control stations and machinery spaces are considered as falling under (b) above.

In order to ensure the continuous uninterrupted operation of Malta flag ships after 1 May 2004, ships making use of halons for the above mentioned critical uses are obliged to record and report to this Directorate the quantities of halons 2402, 1301 and 1211 which will remain on their ships after 1 May 2004.

To this effect, managers of ships flying the Malta flag are hereby requested to complete and submit the attached form as soon as possible. In turn this Directorate will issue a declaration of exemption from the provisions of Regulation EC (No) 2037/2000. Ships not furnished with such declaration may experience delays after 1 May 2004.

Merchant Shipping Directorate  
Valletta

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### Summary Of Use of Halon For Critical Uses

Name of Ship	
IMO Number:	

No	ID	Exemption	Brief Description of the Critical Use	Total kg installed on 31 December 2002	Total kg used <sup>1</sup> in the period 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2002	Total kg emitted from this use from 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2002	Total kg installed on 31 December 2003	Total kg used <sup>1</sup> in the period 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2003	Total kg emitted from this use from 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2003	Has an alternative replaced this use? Indicate alternative and when replaced
1	2402	For the making inert of occupied spaces where flammable liquid and/or gas release could occur in cargo ships								
2	2402	In fire extinguishers essential to personal safety used for initial extinguishing by fire brigades								
3	1301	For the making inert of occupied spaces where flammable liquid and/or gas release could occur in cargo ships								
4	1211	In fire extinguishers essential to personal safety used for initial extinguishing by fire brigades								

<sup>1</sup> Use means the utilisation of controlled substances in the production or maintenance, in particular refilling, of products or equipment or in other processes except for feedstock and processing agent uses.