



Maritime Radiocommunication Services

Merchant Shipping Notice No 67

*Notice to Shipowners, ship operators and managers
and owners' representatives*

The Merchant Shipping Directorate wishes to draw the attention of all concerned that the Malta Communications Authority has assumed the role formerly pertaining to the Wireless Telegraphy Department in relation to authorisations for maritime radiocommunications apparatus. In turn, the Malta Communications Authority has, inter alia, delegated to the Merchant Shipping Directorate of the Malta Maritime Authority the function of the issue of ship radio licences and the provision of ancillary maritime radiocommunication services.

2. In a step towards enhancing customer service by providing, where possible, a one-stop service for vessel registration and related services, the Directorate, as from the 1st April 2005, will start providing the following services from its offices at Maritime House, Valletta:

- Issue of Operational and Non-Operational Provisional Global Maritime Distress Safety System (GMDSS) ship station licences and receipt of payment of the relevant fees
- Allocation of Maritime Mobile Service Identities (MMSI) and Selcall numbers
- Approval of Accounting Authorities and Point of Service Activation (PSA) entities.

3. Related correspondence is to be addressed to:

Maritime Radiocommunication Services
Merchant Shipping Directorate
Malta Maritime Authority
Maritime House, Lascaris Wharf
Valletta VLT 01, Malta.

4. The contact information for the offices at Maritime House is as follows:

Telephone: +356 21250360
Fax: +356 21241460
E-Mail: mrcs.marine@mma.gov.mt.

5. Until further notice, services other than those listed above will continue to be provided from the offices of the former Wireless Telegraphy Department at Evans Building Valletta. Related correspondence is to be addressed to:

Maritime Radiocommunication Services
Merchant Shipping Directorate
Malta Maritime Authority
Evans Building, Merchants Street
Valletta CMR 02, Malta.

6. The contact information for the offices at Evans Building is as follows:

Telephone: +356 21247224 - 8
Fax: +356 21232728
E-Mail: wtd.marine@gov.mt.

7. Working days normal hours of business for both offices are: 0800 – 1300 and 1345 – 1645 hours. In the case of urgent matters service may be given outside normal hours as per Merchant Shipping Notice No 66. The after-hours telephone number is +356 99455620.

Merchant Shipping Directorate
Valletta

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