



Merchant Shipping Directorate



COUNTERFEIT NAUTICAL CHARTS

Information Notice 11

*Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters,
Owners' Representatives and Recognised Organisations*

The Merchant Shipping Directorate would like to draw the attention of all those concerned about the increased number of counterfeit charts and nautical publications in circulation and to the dangers posed to the safety of vessels, crews and cargoes by counterfeit nautical charts and publications.

All those concerned are advised to take all necessary measures to ensure that only charts and nautical publications that satisfy the carriage requirements of the International Convention on the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), are used and which have been issued officially by or under the authority of a SOLAS Contracting Government, authorized hydrographic office or other relevant institution of a SOLAS Contracting Government.

The Directorate also wishes to remind all concerned of the instructions contained in Technical Notice SLS.9, concerning Electronic Chart Display and Information Systems (ECDIS) and back-up arrangements and Technical Notice SLS.12 on Nautical Publications, which may be accessed through the following links respectively:

<http://www.transport.gov.mt/admin/uploads/media-library/files/Technical%20Notice%20SLS%209%20-%20ECDIS%20and%20Back%20Up%20Arrangements.pdf>

<http://www.transport.gov.mt/admin/uploads/media-library/files/Technical%20Notice%20SLS%2012%20-%20Nautical%20Publications.pdf>

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