



Merchant Shipping Directorate



## FIRE RISK RELATED TO SAMSUNG GALAXY NOTE 7

### Information Notice 20

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

The Directorate wishes to draw the attention of all concerned to the recent product recall and exchange programme for Galaxy Note 7 phones, announced by Samsung in September 2016, following reports that some devices were catching fire.

Such a fire could be of particular concern if it occurs on board a ship, and in particular in an unattended area of a passenger ship or on the vehicle deck of a ro-ro ferry.

To this effect, it is recommended that shipowners and operators of Maltese registered ships carry an analysis of the risks that might arise from Samsung Galaxy Note 7 phones and consider laying down appropriate instructions to passengers and crew carrying a Galaxy Note 7 onboard, which may include;

- Informing all persons about the use and carriage of such devices when booking a passage or a cruise.
- Turning off the phone.
- Disconnecting the device from charging.
- Stopping all applications that could activate the phone.
- Keeping the device at close proximity.
- Placing warning signs in the garage decks, accommodation areas and on the relevant websites.

The cooperation and assistance of all parties is therefore solicited.

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