



Merchant Shipping Directorate



MARINE EQUIPMENT DIRECTIVE – EU DECLARATIONS OF CONFORMITY

Merchant Shipping Notice 153

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

The Directorate reminds all concerned of the implementation of Directive 2014/90/EU on marine equipment (hereinafter referred to as “the MED”) and to Merchant Shipping Notice 145 on compliance with the MED. In particular, it is recalled that the latter, *inter alia*, provides that “Recognised Organisations shall inform this Directorate in cases where it has been proven or suspected that MED equipment placed on board a Maltese ship is not compliant with the applicable EU and international legislation”.

In terms of Article 16(4) of the MED, when marine equipment is placed on board a Maltese ship, a copy of the EU declaration of conformity covering the equipment concerned shall be kept on board until the said equipment is removed from the ship. Such EU declaration of conformity should be in the English language and may be in electronic format. During the course of inspections carried out by Recognised Organisations, checks that EU declarations of conformity for specific pieces of equipment are maintained on board shall be conducted. This Directorate shall be informed in cases where EU Declarations of Conformity are not available on board.

Furthermore, the Directorate would like to draw the attention of all concerned that flag State inspectors have also been instructed to carry out checks of MED equipment and to request EU declarations of conformity for specific pieces of MED equipment during flag State inspections. It is the responsibility of all concerned to ensure that EU declarations of conformity for all MED equipment are available for inspection on board.

The cooperation of all parties concerned is hereby solicited.

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