



Transport Malta

## PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

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**TO: BUNKER OPERATORS  
COMMERCIAL VESSEL OPERATORS  
MARINE TERMINAL OPERATORS  
MARINE FACILITY OPERATORS  
SHIP AGENTS  
SHIP OWNERS, MASTERS AND OPERATORS**

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### SUPPLY OF LUBRICATING OILS

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The Authority for Transport in Malta directs the attention of all concerned to the provisions of the Dangerous Cargo Ships, Marine Terminals and Facilities and Bunkering Regulations (S.L. 499.12) (the “Regulations”) and reminds them that bunkering operations include the supply of lubricating oils<sup>1</sup>, be it from shore or at sea.

In terms of these Regulations, the Authority is hereby directing that with immediate effect, the supply of lubricating oils must be notified to the Authority prior to such bunkering operations being carried out.

Notifications shall be made as follows:

- Full details of the supply are to be included in the tmSW pre-arrival notification concerning the receiving vessel and updated accordingly.
- The details must include the amount and type of the lubricating oils to be supplied; the *modus operandi* of the bunkering operations (delivery of drums, by pumping); and details of the conveyance vessel used.

In addition to the above, without prejudice to any other applicable permits that may be required, all concerned are being advised that the supply of lubricating oils through dedicated pumping equipment must comply with the Regulations and with the Commercial Vessels Regulations (S.L. 499.23) to ensure that they are covered with the relative Bunkering Operating Permit (BOP) issued by the Authority. All equipment deployed during operations, including vehicles, pumps and oil transfer hoses, must be listed in the BOP and accompanied by the necessary declarations and certification issued by a Government Appointed Surveyor.

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<sup>1</sup> “bunkers” means any alternative fuel and non-volatile marine grade fuel oil used to fuel a ship or its machinery, and includes lubricating oil.

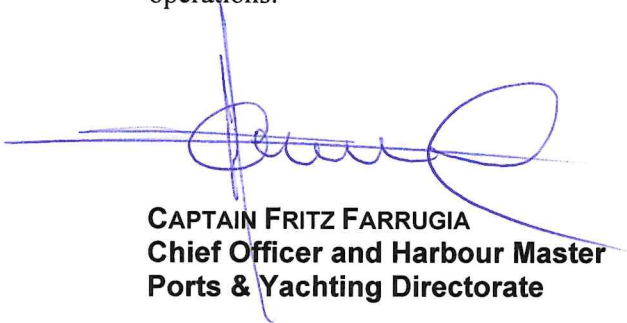


All bunker operators are hereby being reminded of all the other obligations found in the Regulations, especially the correct filling of the related checklists and the precautionary pollution-mitigation measures including containment booms and oil spill kits must be in place prior to the start of all bunkering operations. These obligations are also applicable during the supply of lubricating oils through pumping onboard conveyance vessels.

The Authority reminds all concerned that the safety of life, the prevention of pollution to the marine environment, the effective and efficient control of such pollution and the protection of the property of others is their prime obligation, responsibility, and consideration.

All concerned are also being advised that in the event of any non-compliance with the provisions of this Port Notice, legal and, or enforcement action in terms of law will be taken by the Authority. This includes the imposition of administration fines and the suspension of the bunkering operations.

Those defaulting will be held fully responsible should there be any delays to the receiving vessel or third-party claims because of the non-compliance and suspension of the bunkering operations.



**CAPTAIN FRITZ FARRUGIA**  
**Chief Officer and Harbour Master**  
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**12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023**