



REVISION OF MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICES

Merchant Shipping Notice 102

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

This Notice Revokes Merchant Shipping Notice 1

The Merchant Shipping Directorate would like to inform all those concerned that from today a new system of Merchant Shipping Notices will be introduced. The system of communicating any matter that the Directorate wishes to address to the shipping community will be as follows:

1. Merchant Shipping Notices numbers will remain unaffected; however, notices that need to be updated will be superseded by a revision (Rev.) number following the original Merchant Shipping Notice number.
2. In these Revisions a series of revision notes will be included in the left hand margin of the amended notice indicating where amendments have been made.
3. A series of Technical Notices, denoted by the relevant international convention will be introduced, to communicate technical ship requirements and information. These Technical Notices will be replacing the Administration Requirements as from today.
4. Information Notices communicating useful information to the shipping industry will be introduced. These Notices are for information purposes only.

Every reasonable effort will be made to ensure a wide distribution of these Notices and these will be circulated, amongst others, to Maltese Embassies and Consulates, the Malta International Shipping Council and Recognised Organisations. It is the responsibility of every shipowner to bring the Notices to the timely attention of all masters and officers engaged on his Maltese ships, and to the managers and operators of these vessels, and to ensure compliance therewith.

All valid Merchant Shipping Notices and Technical Notices are to be retained on board all Maltese ships and made readily available to masters and officers. A list of the valid Notices required to be maintained on board can be downloaded from <http://www.transport.gov.mt/ship-registration/notices>.

The ready availability and updated Notices are a subject for inspection in the 'Publications' section of the 'Flag State Inspection Report'.

Merchant Shipping Directorate

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