



Merchant Shipping Directorate



## Authorised Classification Societies

### Merchant Shipping Notice 96

*Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators and Managers,  
Masters, Owners' representatives and recognised organizations  
This Notice revokes MSD Notice No 48*

1. A merchant vessel both at the time that is being registered as a Maltese ship and during the period of its registration under the Malta flag must be classed with a classification society authorised to issue statutory certificates on behalf of the Government of Malta.
2. Effective from 1 January 2012 the list of these classification societies has been revised as follows:

*American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)  
Bureau Veritas (BV)  
China Classification Society (CCS)  
ClassNK (NK)  
Det Norske Veritas (DNV)  
Germanischer Lloyd (GL)  
Korean Register of Shipping (KR)  
Lloyd's Register (LR)  
Polish Register of Shipping (PRS)  
Registro Italiano Navale (RINA)  
Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (RS)*

3. Existing procedures requiring a ship by ship authorisation for a classification society listed in this notice to issue statutory certificates on behalf of the Government of Malta shall remain in effect.

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