



Transport Malta

PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

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To: Marine Terminal Operators
Marine Facility Operators
Ship Owners, Masters and Operators
Bunker Operators
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Compliance with the Dangerous Cargo Ships, Marine Terminals and Facilities and Bunkering Regulations (S.L.499.12)
Use of oil containment booms during petroleum loading, unloading and transfer operations

Further to Port Notice No. 06/2015, the Ports and Yachting Directorate, Transport Malta, hereby brings to the attention of all the requirements of the Dangerous Cargo Ships, Marine Terminals and Facilities and Bunkering Regulations (S.L.499.12) and the importance of compliance with the relevant provisions of such Regulations, in particular on the application of **Part IV – Marine Terminals and Facilities**.

Marine terminal and marine facility operators and ship masters are further reminded to ensure that:

1. All petroleum transfer operations are to be undertaken in accordance with the operational requirements of these Regulations
2. Checklists are to be compiled between both parties manually; electronically pre-compiled checklists by any party are not allowed. No operation is to commence unless the checklist is fully compiled and accepted and signed by both responsible parties.
3. Tank lids are **TO BE CLOSED** at all times during the tanker's stay at a marine terminal/facility and during STS operations.
4. VTS are informed prior to the commencement of cargo operations confirming that booms have been deployed.

Furthermore, the Authority hereby directs that the use and deployment of oil containment booms during bunkering operations is being extended to APPLY to all tankers and marine terminals and facilities employed in all petroleum loading, unloading and transfer operations by not later than the 1st of April of 2017.



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Marine terminals and facilities may opt to subcontract the provision of such services, in which case the Authority is to be notified with the full details of the contractor engaged.

Any marine terminal or facility not in a position to meet this deadline must notify the Authority and include in its communication a justification and an indication of the compliance date.

The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject such request and impose any further conditions it deems fit.

Finally, the Authority reminds all that the prime obligation, responsibility and consideration of any ship Master, operator and/or marine terminal or facility operator shall be the safety of life, the preservation of the marine environment and the effective and efficient control of pollution and the protection of the property of others.

Breach of these provisions will result in an immediate suspension of operations, without prejudice to any other legal action that may be taken for such non-compliance. Follow-up inspections that will incur a charge will be carried out to determine compliance.

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