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Ports and Yachting Directorate

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Compulsory Insurance Certificate or other Financial Security for Wrecks

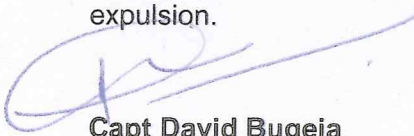
The Authority for Transport in Malta wishes to notify that the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007 will come into force on the 22nd April 2015 and shall be applicable to Maltese Territorial Waters.

The Wreck Removal Convention introduces the requirement of a compulsory insurance or other financial security as a guarantee for States to recover the expenses incurred in connection with the removal of wrecks. This entails, therefore, that as from the 22nd of April of 2015, no ship of 300 GT and above, irrespective of flag, will be allowed entry into or exit from Maltese waters without a valid insurance certificate or other valid financial security covering the liability for the expenses incurred in the event such becomes a wreck.

Prior entry into or exit from Maltese ports and waters, the insurance certificate or other financial security must be submitted to the Authority together with the other documentation that may be required with the expected arrival or departure of the ship through the Authority's electronic notification system, PORTNET, within the mandatory notification time frames, or as may be notified by the Authority from time to time. If such insurance certificate or financial security is not provided, or documentation submitted is not deemed as complete or satisfactory, the ship will be refused access into or exit from Maltese waters. Access or exit will only be granted once the insurance certificate or other financial security is in place.

Inspections on ships within Maltese waters shall verify that a valid insurance certificate or other valid financial security is carried on board. In the event that such are not carried on board, the ship may either be expelled from Malta or detained. The ship will only be allowed to re-enter or released, as the case may be, once the insurance or financial security is in place. Moreover, when a notification of an expulsion order has been received, the ship in question shall be refused access into Maltese waters until such time when a notification is received that a valid insurance or financial security is in place.

The respective Flag Administration shall be notified of any refusal of access, detention or expulsion.


Capt David Bugeja
Chief Officer
Ports and Yachting Directorate

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