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**Ports and Yachting Directorate**

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**Notice to:** Masters,  
Owners  
Operators of vessels covered with a licence issued by the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture

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**Commercial Operations by vessels covered with a licence issued by the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture**

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The attention of all Masters, Owners and Operators of vessels which are covered with a licence issued by the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture is hereby being directed to the provisions of the Fishing Vessels Regulations (S.L.425.07).

Regulation 3(d) of these Regulations states that vessels licensed or registered with the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture *could be used temporarily for any other purpose following an approval of a request to the Director.*

In view of the above, in the case of such vessels, the Authority will only be in a position to consider applications for Commercial Vessel Operator's Licences and for Commercial Vessel Certificates in terms of the Commercial Vessel Regulations (S.L.499.23) if such applications include a written approval or a no objection from the above-mentioned Department. The same procedure will also apply, in the case of renewals of existing Commercial Vessel Certificates.

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