



**Transport Malta**

**PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE**

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**Notice To Ship Owners and Operators  
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### **Insurance for Maritime Claims**

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The Authority for Transport in Malta wishes to notify of the coming into force of the Merchant Shipping (Insurance for Maritime Claims) Regulations (SL234.50). These regulations adopt the measures contained in Directive 2009/20/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the insurance of shipowners for maritime claims.

These regulations provide that no ship over 300 gross tonnage shall be allowed in Malta unless there is in force in respect of the ship an insurance cover as referred to in the regulations. The insurance shall cover maritime claims subject to the limitations under the Merchant Shipping (Limitation of Liability for Maritime Claims) Regulations (SL234.16).

Port State Control inspections on ships within Malta shall verify that an insurance certificate is carried on board. If such certificate is not carried on board the ship may be expelled from Malta. The EU Commission, other EU Member States and the ship's flag state will be notified of such expulsion. Moreover, when a notification of an expulsion order, is received from another EU Member State, the ship in question shall be refused access into Malta, until such time when a notification is received from the owner that an insurance certificate referred to in the regulations is issued in respect of the ship.

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