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Pre-Arrival Notice and Designated Ports for Third Country Fishing Vessels

The Authority for Transport in Malta wishes to remind masters, agents and representatives of third country fishing vessels (non-EU) regarding the obligations as prescribed in COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 1005/2008 of 29 September 2008 establishing a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, amending Regulations (EEC) No 2847/93, (EC) No 1936/2001 and (EC) No 601/2004 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 1093/94 and (EC) No 1447/1999, as amended, and specifically on the requirement as per Article 6 to submit prior notice at least 72 hours before the estimated time of arrival. This prior notice is to be submitted to both the Authority for Transport in Malta and the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture jointly.

Furthermore, the Authority for Transport in Malta and the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture notify and declare that in terms of Article 5 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008, the designated ports for third country fishing vessels are the following:

- i. Port of Valletta (Grand Harbour): designated port for the conduct of landing or transshipment operations of fishery products and access to port services.
- ii. Port of Marsamxett: designated port for access to port services only.
- iii. Port of Marsaxlokk: designated port for access to port services only.

Access to port services and the conduct of landing and transshipment operations by such third country fishing vessels may only be authorised in the above mentioned designated ports.

Failure to adhere with any of the above may entail that a third country fishing vessel will not be allowed to enter Maltese territorial waters and ports.

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