



MALTA MARITIME AUTHORITY

Ports Directorate

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Notice to: Ship Agents
Ship Owners

Port Notice No 08/04

Ship-Generated Waste Management Fee

The Directive 2000/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2000 on port reception facilities for ship-generated waste and cargo residues, and which was transposed into national legislation by Legal Notice 278 of 2004, states that Member States of the European Union shall ensure that the costs of port reception facilities for ship-generated waste, including the treatment and disposal of the waste, shall be covered through the collection of a fee from ships. Thus all ships at a port of a Member State has to contribute significantly to such costs irrespective of actual use of the port reception facilities.

On the other hand, ships discharging cargo residues will continue to pay directly the authorised reception facility only if such services are actually used.

In view of the above objective and in terms of Regulation 9 of the Port Reception Facilities for Ship-Generated Waste and Cargo Residues Regulations, 2004, ships, calling in a port in Malta, have to pay the following fees per each ship's call:

Lm5 per 1000 gross tons, or part thereof, up to a maximum of Lm200

And

Lm1 per every 50 persons on board, or part thereof, up to a maximum of Lm50

Ships that shall be exempted from the payment of the ship-generated waste management fee are the following:



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1. Fishing vessels;
2. Recreational craft authorised to carry no more than 12 passengers;
3. Ships which discharge ship-generated waste to a local authorised port reception facility provided that the ship agent or the master of the ship submits to the Ports Directorate, of the Malta Maritime Authority, a declaration from the authorised port reception facility showing that it has charged for the actual use of the facility. The declaration has to be sent, to the latter Office, within 15 days after the departure of the ship from a port, after such a date the invoice in respect of the ship-generated waste management fee shall be issued and no refund will be provided.
4. Ships that call at a terminal which charges a ship-generated waste management fee in terms of the Waste Management Plan approved by the Executive Director (Ports).
5. Ships, which are engaged in schedule traffic with frequent and regular port calls and which can provide to the Executive Director (Ports) sufficient evidence of an arrangement to ensure the delivery of the ship-generated waste and payment of fees in a port in an EU Member State along the ship's route.

This ship-generated waste management fee shall come into effect for ships arriving in Malta on and after 1st January 2005.

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