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**Ports and Yachting Directorate**

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Notice to: Owners  
Operators  
Masters  
Officers  
Crew of Commercial Vessels

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**Commercial Vessels:**

**Use of Loose Furniture on Open Upper Decks**

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The attention of all Owners, Operators, Masters and Crew of commercial vessels operating within Maltese internal and territorial waters is hereby being drawn to the use of loose furniture on open upper decks.

In the interests of safety, the use of loose furniture, including but not limited to deck chairs, plastic 'patio' chairs and tables, on the open upper decks of vessels is prohibited during the course of navigation and whilst the vessel is maneuvering. Such furniture may be used when the vessel is securely anchored, moored or berthed at the discretion of the Master after he has assessed the prevailing circumstances and weather conditions and the use thereof has been deemed safe.

When not in use, loose furniture must be stored in a safe and secure manner.

This Port Notice shall come into force after seven (7) days from the issue date.

Capt David Bugeja  
Chief Officer  
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