

**SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION 234.01****SHIPS' NAMES REGULATIONS**

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1. The title of these regulations is Ships' Names Regulations. Title.
2. In these regulations, words and phrases used shall have the same meaning as is assigned to them in the Merchant Shipping Act. Interpretation.  
Cap. 234.
3. An owner of a ship who proposes to make application for the registry of a Maltese ship shall give notice in writing of the proposed name to the registrar at the intended port of registry at least ten days before the date on which it is proposed to effect the registry, and that registrar shall transmit the notice to the Registrar-General. Notice of ship's name.
4. When the proposed name is not already the name of a registered Maltese ship, or it is not a name so similar to that of a registered Maltese ship as to be likely to deceive, the Registrar-General shall issue a certificate to that effect to the registrar at the intended port of registry, and provided all requirements for registry have been duly complied with, that registrar shall register the ship under that name. Approval of ship's name.
5. When the proposed name is found to be already the name of a registered Maltese ship or a name so similar as to be likely to deceive, the Registrar-General may refuse the registry of that ship by that name, and shall intimate his decision to the registrar of the intended port of registry who will inform the owner accordingly. Refusal of ship's name.
6. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the last preceding regulation, the Registrar-General may allow temporarily the registry of a ship by a name which is already the name of a Maltese ship if he is satisfied that the case is one of urgency and that the ship will be delayed if registration by the name proposed by the owner is refused. Temporary approval of ship's name.
- (2) Where the registry of a ship by a name has been temporarily allowed under subregulation (1), the Registrar-General shall require the owner to give to the registrar at the intended port of registry a written guarantee to change, within twelve months, the name of the ship, to a name allowed by the Registrar-General.