



## PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

### Port Notice No. 01 of 2026

**To:** **Ship Owners and Operators**  
**Ship Agents**  
**Ship Masters**  
**Operators of Marine Terminals and Marine Facilities**



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### Recognised Competent Persons in terms of the Dangerous Cargo Ships, Marine Terminals and Facilities and Bunkering Regulations

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The Authority reminds all concerned regarding the obligation to engage Competent Persons in strict compliance with the provisions of the Dangerous Cargo Ships, Marine Terminals and Facilities and Bunkering Regulations (S.L. 499.12).

A Competent Person means *a duly qualified and experienced analyst recognised by the Authority for the purpose of issuing “gas free” and “inert” certificates and “work” or “compartment entry” permits for ships* in accordance with the requirements laid down in the Regulations.

Marine Terminals and Marine Facilities which do not employ their own recognised “Competent Persons” who are duly authorised by the Authority are to ensure that the necessary certification and permits, whilst the vessel is within their terminal or facility, are also issued by the recognised Competent Persons.

In this respect, the Authority hereby notifies that Aldo Darmanin of STS Safety Technical Services is presently the only Competent Person recognised by the Authority to issue such certification and permits in terms of the Regulations prior to a vessel being allowed entry into a port or harbour.

This direction shall apply to all vessels carrying or which previously carried dangerous cargo in any form, including residues or slops of such cargo, calling at any Marine Terminal and Marine Facility.

Port Notice 10/2021 is hereby being revoked.

**Captain Fritz Farrugia**  
**Chief Officer & Harbour Master**  
**Ports & Yachting Directorate**

**16<sup>th</sup> January 2026**