



Pilotage of Vessels in the North Sea and the English Channel

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*Notice to Masters, Shipowners,
Ship Operators and Managers*

As part of its endeavour to maximise safety at sea and prevention of marine pollution, the Directorate wishes to bring this Notice to the attention of all Maltese vessels sailing in the North Sea and English Channel.

In order to ensure that such vessels avail themselves of reliable pilotage, the Directorate strongly recommends that –

when seeking assistance of deep-sea pilots in the North Sea or English Channel, Maltese vessels should only avail themselves of the services of adequately qualified deep-sea pilots

to render pilotage services in the North Sea and the English Channel, deep-sea pilots are deemed to be adequately qualified if they are in possession of a certificate, delivered by a competent authority of one of the coastal states bordering on the North Sea or the English Channel, certifying that such pilots are qualified to pilot vessels in the North Sea and the English Channel.

Masters and operators of Maltese vessels are encouraged to adopt this recommendation when applicable.

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