



WRECK REMOVAL CONVENTION

Merchant Shipping Notice 119

Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters, Owners' Representatives and Recognised Organisations

The Merchant Shipping Directorate would like to remind all concerned that Malta acceded to the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007.

To this effect, the shipping community is reminded that the registered owner of seagoing ships, including fishing vessels, private and commercial yachts, of 300 gross tonnage and above are required to maintain an insurance cover or other financial security, such as a guarantee of a bank or similar institution, to cover liability under this Convention. Ships that do not hold evidence in the form of a certificate issued by a competent authority attesting such financial security, as required by the Convention, may experience delays.

The Directorate shall issue such certificate upon presentation of a valid blue card issued by an approved Protection and Indemnity Club addressed to:

Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen Merchant Shipping Directorate Malta Transport Centre Marsa, MRS1917 Malta

The blue cards may be submitted electronically on clcmalta.tm@transport.gov.mt.

The appropriate fee for the issuance of said certificate attesting financial security shall be of €100 in respect of Malta flagged ships and €250 in respect of ships flagged with a non-State party to the Convention.

In order to ensure the continuous uninterrupted operation of ships to which the Convention applies, after 14 April 2015, those concerned are hereby reminded to submit the relevant documents to this Directorate as soon as possible. Ships not furnished with the relevant certificates may experience delays after 14 April 2015.

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