



Merchant Shipping Directorate



## STEERING GEAR TEST

### *Technical Notice SLS.21*

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

The Directorate wishes to draw the attention of all concerned to SOLAS Regulations II-1/29.3, II-1/29.4, and MSC.1/Circ.1425 concerning the steering gear test with the ship not at the deepest seagoing draught.

To this effect, provided that the test conditions are in line with the requirements of MSC.1/Circ.1425 and are to the satisfaction of the Recognized Organization (RO) acting for and on behalf of the Administration, no prior authorization is deemed necessary from the Administration, for application of the alternative steering gear test method on Maltese flagged ships.

Any enquires related to the implementation of this Technical Notice may be addressed to this Directorate on [tech.tm@transport.gov.mt](mailto:tech.tm@transport.gov.mt).

Click the following link to download [MSC.1/Circ.1425](#) Unified Interpretation concerning the Steering Gear Test with the Ship not at the Deepest Seagoing Draught.

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