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Amendments to the Warrant of Arrest of Vessels Provisions

The Authority for Transport in Malta hereby brings to the attention of all concerned that the provisions dealing with a warrant of arrest of vessels, found in the Code of Organization and Civil Procedure (COCP) (Chapter 12 of the Laws of Malta), have been amended by Act XXXI of 2019. These amendments came into force on 18th December 2019.

Through these amendments, the notification of a warrant of arrest to the vessel and the seizure of the vessel's statutory documents may now be affected by any person other than the Court Executive Officers. The person affecting such notification and seizure must be duly indicated on the warrant itself.

As per provisions of the COCP, the appropriate form, duly filled in, must be used for the issue of the warrant under pain of nullity.

The Authority reminds all that any conveyance to notify the arrested vessel must be carried out by service providers who are duly licensed and authorised by the Authority to conduct commercial operations within the territorial waters of Malta. Such service providers must also be compliant with the directives of the Authority as issued from time to time.

All the other obligations and procedural requirements laid down in the provisions of the COCP remain unaltered and unaffected.

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