

**PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE**

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Notice to: Port Stakeholders  
Port Facilities  
Port Facility Security Officers

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**PORT SECURITY REGULATIONS:  
Mandatory Port Facility Security Assessments, Development of Plans  
and Updating of Plans**

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The Authority for Transport in Malta hereby brings to the attention of all concerned the following.

Following the deliberations of the Port Security Working Committee last 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019, the Authority is hereby requesting that all ISPS Port Facilities are to use an approved Recognised Security Organisation (RSO) of their choice to carry out updated Port Facilities Security Risk Assessments/Reviews (PFSA) and consequently to update the Port Facility Security Plans (PFSP).

This is in line with the provisions of Commission Regulation (EC) No 725/2004 of 31 March 2004 on enhancing ship and port facility security; Commission Directive (EC) No 65/2005 of 26 October 2005 on enhancing port security; the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS); and the Ports Security Regulations (S. L. 499.35).

Port Facilities are hereby reminded that all Port Facility Security Officers (PFSO's) are to be fully trained in ISPS statutory and technical knowledge and in possession of the appropriate, valid and approved certification. All PFSO's (and their officially appointed deputies) shall be obliged to be fully conversant with their respective PFSP and be responsible for their respective Port Facility's security arrangements, procedures and operations.

In the coming weeks, duly authorised inspectors from the Office of the PSO shall also be conducting a number of inspections in the Port Facilities to ascertain the veracity and effectiveness of the updated PFSA's and consequently the PFSP's, which are binding legal documents. This is in line with Malta's legal obligations as duly explained in the Port Security Working Committee held last November and is relevant to the 5 year EU inspection cycle 2020-2025.

While all the legal and operational responsibilities relevant to ISPS compliance shall lie completely with the PFSO and the Deputy PFSO, at any time, the following functions are to be delegated in whole or in part to RSO's to achieve obligatory minimum standards:

- i. The development of an updated PFSA;
- ii. The conduction of training and certification of PFSO's and their security personnel and certificates;
- iii. The development of the PFSP based on the updated and approved PFSA; and
- iv. The development of an annual plan (including a calendar schedule and clear description of each and every drill/exercise) of ALL the ISPS Drills and Exercises that shall be

conducted in the coming year by the PFSO / Facility.

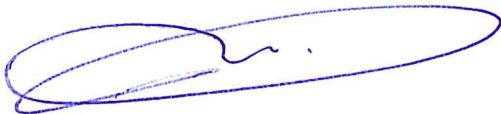
All the documents listed in (i) to (iv) above submitted to the Authority for approval are to be endorsed by an RSO. **This documentation must reach the Office of the PSO by 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020 COB; and thereafter on a yearly basis by the end of January of the respective year.**

All Port Facilities are to use only RSO's approved by the Authority. The currently approved RSO's are listed on the Authority's Website.

**Enforcement and legal action will be taken in the event of non-compliance with these directives.**

Any queries or requests for clarification and submissions should be addressed to:

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