



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

Transport Malta

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To: Ship Owners and Operators  
Ship Masters and Crew  
Ship Agents  
Bunker Barges and Service (Conveyance) Launch Operators  
Terminal Operators

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### COVID-19

#### Additional precautionary measures and instructions to marine terminals and port services providers

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Further to Legal Notice 63 of 2020 (Period of Quarantine (Extension of Countries) Order) and Legal Notice 92 of 2020 (Travel Ban (Extension to all Countries) Order) issued by the Superintendent of Public Health, and to Port Notices 4 and 5 of 2020 issued by the Authority, the following measures shall apply to all vessels that have been cleared to obtain services in Maltese waters and ports:

1. No crew members will be allowed to disembark from the vessel throughout the duration of its call in Maltese waters and ports.
2. No shore personnel are allowed to board vessels unless there is a written authorisation from the Port Health Medic. Maritime Pilots, Port Foremen, Port Workers and Terminal Personnel involved in cargo handling operations are exempted from this provision.
3. Personnel authorised to board vessels are to keep interaction with crew to the minimum that is reasonably practical.
4. Bunker Barges and Service (Conveyance) Launches are to avoid contact with crew members. Crew of bunker barges, crew of service (conveyance) launches and technical personnel such as surveyors and technicians intending to board vessels must obtain a written authorisation from the Port Health Medic and will be subject to mandatory quarantine once they disembark.

When boarding of vessels and interaction with crew members is necessary, the Authority reminds all to implement the measures and take the necessary precautions as advised by the Superintendent of Public Health.

The Authority further advises all responsible persons to:

1. Immediately report any unplanned or accidental interaction with third party personnel or crew members to Port Health and comply with any instructions given.
2. Ensure that vessels berthed within their terminal which have been directed to follow quarantine instructions comply accordingly.



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3. Immediately report any matter or operation that does not comply with the provisions of this Port Notice or the above mentioned Legal Notices and Port Notices to the Authority and Port Health.

Capt. David Bugeja  
Chief Officer and Harbour Master  
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