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**PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE**

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To: Ship Owners and Operators  
Ship Agents  
Ship Masters  
Terminals and Marine Facilities Operators

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### **Minimum Towage Requirements**

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Mariners are advised that with immediate effect the Minimum Towage Requirements as specified in the table annexed to this Notice – Annex I & II, apply within Maltese ports and approaches.

The Authority reminds all that towage is regulated in terms of the Authority for Transport in Malta Act (Cap.499) and the Towage (Tariff of Rates) Regulations (S.L. 499.49) of the Laws of Malta. Towage shall be under the supervision and regulation of the Authority at all times.

Furthermore, in terms of the Harbour Towage Agreement, it is to be reminded that Tug Malta Ltd is the appointed exclusive harbour towage service provider, including tug assistance from one port to another, in the port areas defined in Part I and Part II of the Schedule to the Ports and Shipping Act (Cap. 352) and their approaches, and other emergency services.

In case of disabled vessels, cold moves or exceptional circumstances tug requirements may be increased on the basis of an assessment conducted by the Ship's Master and the Pilot and confirmed by the Harbour Master.

Day light restrictions apply in the case if specific berths and docking operations.

The Authority reserves the right to alter tug requirements as directed by the Harbour Master.

Capt. David Bugeja  
Chief Officer and Harbour Master

21<sup>st</sup> October 2020

## Minimum Towing Requirements

GRAND HARBOUR											
Ship's Length	Berthing	Unberthing	Ship's Length	Berthing	Unberthing	Ship's Length	Berthing	Unberthing	Ship's Length	Berthing	Unberthing
<b>Ricasoli Tank Cleaning Farm</b>											
Up to 100m	1 Tug (i)	1 Tug (i)	Up to 100m	1 Tug (i)	1 Tug (i)	Up to 100m	1 Tug (ii)	1 Tug (ii)	Up to 130m	1 Tug	No Tug
101 – 200m	2 Tugs (i)	2 Tugs (i)	101 – 200m	2 Tugs	2 Tugs	101 – 200m	2 Tugs (ii)	2 Tugs (ii)	131 – 160m	2 Tugs (i)	2 Tugs (i)
201 – 239m	3 Tugs (iii)	3 Tugs (iii)	Over 200m	3 Tugs (iii)	3 Tugs (iii)	201 – 239m	3 Tugs (iii)	3 Tugs (iii)	161 – 200m	2 Tugs	2 Tugs
Over 240m	4 Tugs	4 Tugs				Over 240m	4 Tugs	4 Tugs	Over 200m	2 Tugs	2 Tugs
<b>Menqa Basin *</b>											
Up to 130m	2 Tugs (i)	1 Tug	<b>Pinto Wharfs and Deep Water Quays</b>								
131 – 200m	2 Tugs	2 Tugs	Up to 100m	1 Tug (i)	1 Tug (i)	Up to 100m	1 Tug (i)	1 Tug (i)	Up to 100m	1 Tug (i)	1 Tug (i)
			101 – 150m	1 Tug	1 Tug	101 – 170m	2 Tugs	2 Tugs	101 – 170m	2 Tugs	2 Tugs
			151 – 200m	2 Tugs	2 Tugs (i)	Over 170m	3 Tugs	3 Tugs	Over 170m	3 Tugs	2 Tugs (i)
			Over 200m	3 Tugs (iii)	2 Tugs (iii)	<b>Malta Maritime Hub Basin ***</b>					
<b>Fuel Wharf</b>											
Up to 100m	1 Tug (i)	1 Tug (i)	<b>Laboratory / Magazine Lab South 1 / 2 Wharfs</b>								
			Up to 100m	1 Tug (i)	1 Tug (i)	Up to 100m	1 Tug (i)	1 Tug (i)	Up to 100m	1 Tug (i)	1 Tug (i)
			101 – 150m	1 Tug (i)	1 Tug (i)	101 – 150m	2 Tugs (i)	2 Tugs (i)	101 – 150m	2 Tugs (i)	2 Tugs (i)
			151 – 200m	2 Tugs (i)	2 Tugs (i)	Over 200m	3 Tugs (iii)	2 Tugs (iii)	151 – 200m	2 Tugs (i)	2 Tugs (i)
			Over 200m	3 Tugs (iii)	2 Tugs (iii)	Over 200m	3 Tugs (iii)	2 Tugs (iii)	Over 200m	3 Tugs (iii)	2 Tugs

**Notes:**

- (i) if a vessel has a functional bow thruster and /or stern thruster / twin propeller and favourable weather conditions allow, tug resources may be reduced in line with Port Notice.
- (ii) In case of docking operations depending on the prevailing circumstances, additional tug resources may be used in line with Port Notice.
- (iii) Tankers and Bulk Carriers with more than 40 metres of beam shall be assisted by 4 Tugs.
- (iv) Subject to favourable weather conditions and available sea room apply.

\* Daylight restriction applies

\*\* Only outbound manoeuvres

\*\*\* Night time manoeuvres limited to vessel fitted with bow and stern thruster/twin propellers

Annex 2

MARSAXLOKK											
Ship's Length	Berthing	Unberthing	Ship's Length	Berthing	Unberthing	Ship's Length	Berthing	Unberthing	Ship's Length	Berthing	Unberthing
<b>St Lucian Terminal *</b>											
Up to 130m	1 Tug	1 Tug	Up to 130m	1 Tug	1 Tug (i)	Up to 130m	1 Tug	1 Tug	Up to 130m	2 Tugs (i)	2 Tugs (i)
131 – 160m	2 Tugs (i)	2 Tugs	131 – 250m	2 Tugs	2 Tugs (i)	131 – 160m	2 Tugs (i)	2 Tugs	131 – 200m	2 Tugs	2 Tugs
Over 160m	2 Tugs	2 Tugs	251 – 299m	2 Tugs (ii)	2 Tugs	Over 160m	2 Tugs	2 Tugs	Over 200m	3 Tugs	2 Tugs
			>300m OR >70,000GT	3 Tugs	2 Tugs						
			Terminal 1, >330mtrs		3 Tugs						
			Terminal 1 inner & Terminal 2 South inner >300m or 70,000GT		3 Tugs						
			>400m (i)	4 Tugs	3 Tugs						
<b>Deilmara Power Station *</b>											
Up to 130m	1 Tug	1 Tug	All	4 Tugs	4 Tugs	<b>31<sup>st</sup> March Terminal *</b>					
Over 130m	2 Tugs	2 Tugs				Up to 130m	1 Tug	1 Tug	Over 130m	2 Tugs (i)	2 Tugs

**Notes:**

- (i) If a vessel has a functional bow thruster and /or stern thruster / twin propeller and favourable weather conditions allow, tug resources may be reduced in line with Port Notice.
- (ii) Vessel for Malta Freeport Terminal 2 South and Terminal 1 (Inner), when greater than 250m, one (1) additional tug required.

<b>MGARR HARBOUR, GOZO</b>		
Ship's Length	Berthing	Unberthing
<b>Mgarr Harbour Quay #3 *</b>		
Up to 80 m	1 Tug	1 Tug (i)

**Notes:**

- (i) If a vessel has a functional bow thruster and /or stern thruster / twin propeller and favourable weather conditions allow, tug resources may be reduced in line with Port Notice.

\* Daylight restriction applies.  
 \*\* Daylight restrictions apply for inbound.