



Merchant Shipping Directorate



## **ENFORCEMENT OF EU SHIP RECYCLING REGULATION NO. 1257/2013 RELATING TO THE INVENTORY OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

### ***Merchant Shipping Notice 163***

*Notice to Ship-owners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters, Owners' Representatives and Recognized Organizations*

This Directorate wishes to draw the attention of all concerned to a Notice recently adopted by the Commission providing Guidelines on the enforcement of obligations under the EU Ship Recycling Regulation No. 1257/2013 relating to the Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM). The Notice is available at:

[https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:JOC\\_2020\\_349\\_R\\_0001](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:JOC_2020_349_R_0001)

The above-mentioned Notice, in particular refers to the obligation to carry on board an IHM with a certificate or statement of compliance as appropriate, as from 31 December 2020, and provides guidance considering the disruptions caused by Covid-19, for a harmonised approach towards enforcement by the EU port States authorities during ship inspections carried out as from the said deadline.

Furthermore, recalling the European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) published guidance on inspections carried out by EU port States to enforce provisions of the Ship Recycling Regulation, it is important to note that this reference document provides both technical information and procedural guidance contributing to harmonised implementation and enforcement of the provisions of the Ship Recycling Regulation and the port State control Directive.

The shipping community is also reminded of Merchant Shipping Notices No.147 and 153 concerning the implementation of the EU Ship Recycling Regulation.

The attention and cooperation of all parties concerned is being solicited in order to ensure the uninterrupted operations of Maltese ships.

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