

Merchant Shipping Directorate



AWG FIRE HOSE NOZZLES

Information Notice 52

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

The Directorate wishes to draw the attention of all concerned to the potential safety issues associated with AWG firefighting hose nozzles with type/model number HS 10, HS 12, HS 16, HS 20, and marking "EN15182-1/3 2015".

To this effect, attention is drawn to the <u>Safety Recall Notice</u> published on the European Commission Safety Gate Rapid Alert System. According to this notice, the product is defective and does not comply with the Marine Equipment Directive requirements or the European standard EN 15182-1. There is a risk that the nozzle is not sufficiently resistant to withstand working pressure of 16 bar and may burst under pressure, leading the whole nozzle to fail.

Should any such firefighting equipment installed onboard Malta flagged vessels found to be affected by this or a similar non-compliance, it is strongly advised that ship owners and operators of Maltese registered vessels immediately communicate this to the Directorate and inform the respective Recognized Organization (RO) for the approval of any corrective action that has to be taken in order to bring such equipment in line with the requirements of the SOLAS Convention.

All enquiries related to this firefighting equipment, should be addressed to the Technical Department within the Merchant Shipping Directorate on <u>tech.tm@transport.gov.mt</u>.

The cooperation and assistance of all parties is therefore solicited.

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