



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

Transport Malta

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**To: Masters and Crew of Commercial Vessels
Commercial Vessels Owners
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Bunker Barges Owners and Operators**

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Certificates of Competency – Local Commercial Vessels

The Authority wishes to remind all concerned that the validity of Certificates of Competency (CoC), issued in terms of the Commercial Vessels Regulations (S.L. 499.23) and the Code of Practice for the Safety of Commercial Vessels, also depends on the validity of all the ancillary certificates on the basis of which they were issued. The same is applicable for Authorisations whose validity depends on the underlying endorsement issued by the Flag Administration.

If any one of the ancillary certificates or endorsement expires or is no longer operational, the CoC or Authorisation, as the case may be, is no longer valid and must be returned to the Authority immediately. In this eventuality, holders thereof cannot continue serving on board any commercial vessel in any capacity.

It is the responsibility of the CoC and Authorisation holder to ensure that all the ancillary certificates and underlying endorsement remain valid throughout the validity period of the CoC and Authorisation. Where applicable, the holder must ensure that he/she attends the applicable refresher course/s and on successful completion, submit to the Training and Certification Unit of the Authority the new ancillary certificate/s. Holders of Authorisations must submit the new endorsement issued by the Flag Administration.

All concerned are also being advised that with immediate effect, the Authority shall issue new CoC's and Authorisations with a validity period aligned to the earliest expiry date of the required ancillary certificates, or that of the underlying endorsement, as the case may be, or for a maximum period of five (5) years, whichever occurs first. The revalidation of existing CoC's and Authorisations shall also be similarly carried out.

The Authority will also be carrying out an exercise on existing CoC's and Authorisations to determine their validity and shall be communicating with the holders thereof accordingly.

All concerned are further advised that enforcement and legal action will be taken in the event of any non-compliance.



Captain Fritz Farrugia
Chief Officer & Harbour Master
Ports & Yachting Directorate

5th September 2025