REVISION OF TONNAGE REGULATIONS

Merchant Shipping Notice 174

Notice to Ship Owners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters,
Owners' Representatives and Recognised Organisations
This Notice revokes MS Notice 55.

The Directorate would like to remind all concerned to the entry into force of the amended Tonnage Regulations, on 1 September 2021. Furthermore, the TM Measurement Guidelines for Yachts and Other Types of Vessels and the Certificate of Survey for Maltese Ships under 24 metres in length, other than fishing vessels with overall length equal or greater than 15 metres were also published.

The relevant amendments, which are contained in Legal Notice 165 of 2021, *inter alia* provide new definitions of 'length overall' and of 'hull length'. They also substitute the fourth schedule (Certificate of Survey for Maltese Fishing Vessels of 15 metres length overall to less than 24 metres length) and the fifth schedule (Certificate of Survey for Maltese Ships under 24 metres length, other than fishing vessels with overall length equal or greater than 15 metres) of the Regulations.

Existing Malta-flagged yachts and vessels which were already issued with a valid Tonnage Certificate prior to 1 September 2021 do not need to be remeasured in line with the requirements and interpretations detailed in the Guidelines, unless the yacht or vessel undergoes any modifications which may affect its dimensions and/or its type.

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