



Merchant Shipping Directorate



CHANGE OF FLAG PROCEDURES

Technical Notice IRO.1

*Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters,
Owners' Representatives and Recognised Organisations*

Whenever a vessel is changing flag to Malta the vessel's Recognized Organization shall submit the following information to the Administration:

- Confirmation of class, including any limitations, and a copy of the class certificate or attestation clearly stating the type of ship and assigned class notations.
- Expiry dates of all statutory certificates, issued for and on behalf of the previous flag.
- Full details of any outstanding recommendations, exemptions and/or equivalents. When no recommendations, exemptions or equivalents exist, then a statement by the Recognized Organization to this effect will suffice.

With respect to the existing Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plan and the Cargo Securing Manual, the Recognized Organization may proceed with the issue of a Short Term International Oil Pollution Prevention Certificate and Short Term Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate valid for two months pending the review, approval and placing on board of the plan or manual.

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