



Merchant Shipping Directorate



CERTIFICATES OF SURVEY AND INTERNATIONAL TONNAGE CERTIFICATE

Technical Notice ITC.1

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

Reference Merchant Shipping (Tonnage) Regulations, 2002 and Merchant Shipping Directorate Notice No.55

Prior to issuing Certificates of Survey and International Tonnage Certificates (1969) on behalf of the Administration, all Recognized Organizations and Malta Government Surveyors shall apply for and obtain specific written authorisation from the Directorate. Authorisations are dealt with on a ship by ship basis.

It is recommended that when Recognized Organizations or Malta Government Surveyors are approached on such matters, the shipowner should be advised to submit to the Directorate a request for authorization of the pertinent Recognized Organization or Malta Government.

This authorisation is distinct from the authorisation for statutory surveys and certification that is issued at the time of a ship's provisional registration under the Malta Flag.

Recognized Organizations and Malta Government Surveyors should note that:

- Certificates of Survey and International Tonnage Certificates (1969) should be issued in terms of the Merchant Shipping (Tonnage) Regulations, 2002.
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- Pleasure yachts having a length under 24 metres (Article 2(8) of the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 as modified by the Protocol of 1988 relating thereto, as amended) should only be issued with a *Certificate of Survey (Tonnage Measurement) for Maltese Ships under 24 metres length, other than Fishing Vessels of more than 15 metres length overall* (Form MS(R) 19c).
- upon the issuance of the certificates, Recognized Organizations and Malta Government Surveyors should ensure that the original Certificate of Survey and a copy of the International Tonnage Certificate (1969) are forwarded to the Directorate.

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- under the section headed “Remarks” in the International Tonnage Certificate (1969), there should be inserted a breakdown of the gross and net volumes.
- in instances where the ship’s Official Number and IMO Number differ, the IMO Number should also be entered in the space allocated to the Official Number

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