



Merchant Shipping Directorate



Transport Malta

PUBLICATIONS TO BE CARRIED ONBOARD MALTA FLAGGED VESSELS

Technical Notice SLS.33

*Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters,
Owners' Representatives and Recognised Organisations*
This Notice revokes Technical Notice SLS.12.

The Directorate wishes to draw the attention of all concerned to Regulation 19.2.1.4 and Regulation 27 of Chapter V of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended, that require all ships to carry adequate and up-to-date charts, sailing directions, list of lights, notices to mariners, tide tables and all other nautical publications necessary for the intended voyage.

The Merchant Shipping Directorate would like to inform all parties concerned of the publications that are to be carried on board Malta flagged vessels. The list does not include log books or manuals. All publications on board, regardless of format, should be the latest editions or duly corrected up to date. It is recommended that publications of IMO instruments be in the working language of the ship. When the working language is not English, French or Spanish, the publications be backed, in addition, by the full English, French or Spanish text. The use on board of nautical charts in electronic format is accepted on condition that the relevant technical notice SLS.9 issued by this Administration is abided by. IMO Publications are listed in the latest IMO Catalogue (<http://www.imo.org/en/Publications/Pages/Home.aspx>).

Electronic Publications

The use on board of nautical publications in digital format is accepted on condition that:

- the nautical publications are issued officially by or under the authority of a SOLAS Contracting Government, by an authorized Hydrographic Office or by other institutions of a SOLAS Contracting Government;
- the updates are original and documentation for receipt of updates and their installation is available onboard. The ship's Safety Management System shall include procedures related thereto;
- the data is protected from editing;
- the nautical publications are installed in a dedicated computer that is supplied from the main and emergency source of power and is readily available to the Officer of the Watch (OOW). The display of data on the monitor shall not compromise the OOW's night vision;
- the nautical publications are installed in one additional computer, as back up, and which can be made available to the OOW in a short period of time;
- the Master and Bridge Team Officers are trained in the use of the system;

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- the equipment and installation complies with the requirements of SOLAS Chapter V Regulation 17 regarding electromagnetic compatibility;
- due consideration is given to the guidance contained in MSC/Circ.1091 on issues concerning introduction of new technology on board, MSC/Circ.891 regarding on board use and application of computers and MSC/Circ.982 on ergonomic criteria for bridge equipment and layout.

The carriage of the following publications is mandatory (Ref. MSC-MEPC.2/Circ.2) depending on the type of vessel:

All Ships

* Marked publications are to be readily available in hard copy for emergency use.

- Nautical Charts and Publications for the intended voyage (Ref. SOLAS Regulation V/19.2.1 and V/27) as required
- * IAMSAR Volume III (Ref. SOLAS Regulation V/21.2)
- * International Code of Signals (Ref. SOLAS Regulation V/21.1)

All Ships - Depending on the intended voyage:

- Sailing Directions
- Lists of Lights
- Notices to Mariners
- Tide Tables
- Lists of Charts on Board
- Nautical Almanac
- Navigation Tables
- Tidal Stream Atlas
- World-Wide Chart Catalogue
- ITU Publications
- Admiralty List of Radio Signals (ALRS)

A list of radio determination and special services station is not required if ALRS is on board.

All Ships - Required by Merchant Shipping Regulations or Rules:

- List of Coast Earth Stations - *for vessels with SATCOM*
- Ship's Captain Medical Guide
- MS Notices (can be downloaded from www.transport.gov.mt)
- Merchant Shipping Act (Chapter 234 also downloaded from web-site)
- Subsidiary legislation (also obtained from web-site)
- Articles of agreement
- Maltese Ships official log-book

All Ships - ISM Code paragraphs 1.2.3 and 11.3 require compliance with mandatory rules and regulations and, accordingly, the following codes and guidelines are recommended to be on board in order to ensure compliance:

- SOLAS Convention
- MARPOL Convention
- Load Line Convention
- STCW Convention & Code
- COLREG Convention
- Tonnage Measurement 69 Convention
- ISM Code
- LSA Code
- FSS Code
- International Grain Code (as applicable)
- GC Code (1993 edition) (Gas carriers constructed before 1 July 1986)
- IGC Code (2016 Edition) IGC, Gas Carriers Built on or after 1 July 2016
- IBC Code (Ref. IBC Code Paragraph 16.2.1) for chemical tankers constructed on or after 1 July 1986
- BCH Code (Ref. BCH Code Paragraph 5.2.1) for chemical tankers constructed before 1 July 1986
- HSC Code (as applicable) 2000 or 1994 accordingly
- INF Code (Ships carrying INF cargoes)
- IMDG Code & Supplement (as applicable)
- IMSBC Code and BLU Code (as applicable)
- ISPS CODE
- MFAG (Ships carrying dangerous cargoes)
- IMO Standard Marine Communication Phrases (SMCP)
- Ballast Water Management Convention and the Guidelines for its implementation (as applicable)
- Polar Code, 2016 Edition (as applicable)
- NO_x Technical Code
- MLC
- HNS convention (as applicable)

All Ships - Recommended:

- Accident Prevention Code (or equivalent such as the Code of Safe Working Practices for Merchant Seamen)
- Code of Safe Practice for Ships Carrying Timber Deck Cargoes (as applicable)
- IMO Ship's Routing and Amendments
- International Safety Guide for Oil Tankers and Terminals (as applicable)
- ICS Tanker Safety Guide (Chemicals) (3rd Edition) (for Chemical Tankers)
- ICS Tanker Safety Guide (Liquefied Gas) (2nd Edition) (for Gas Carriers)
- Ships operating in polar waters guidelines, 2010 Edition (as applicable)

Gas- Fuelled Ships:

- IGF Code (ships using low-flashpoint fuels for which the building contract is placed on or after 1 January 2017)

Commercial Yachts

- List of lights – corrected and according to current trade area
- List of Radio Signals (ALRS) – corrected and according to current trade area
- Navigational Charts – corrected and according to current trade area
- Sailing Directions – corrected and according to current trade area
- Tide Tables – corrected and according to current trade area
- Mariner's Handbook NP 100
- Notices to Mariners
- IAMSAR Manual (Volume III)
- Table of life saving signals
- Fire Safety Maintenance Plan
- Malta Commercial Yacht Code
- Malta Merchant Shipping Act
- Malta Merchant Shipping Subsidiary Legislation
- Malta Merchant Shipping Notices
- Maltese Ships Official Log Book
- Articles of Agreement
- ITU Publications
- IMO International Code of Signals
- ISM Code (as applicable)
- ISPS Code (as applicable)
- MLC 2006(as applicable)

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