
Notice on Maltese Requirements on Accident and Incident Safety Investigations

All related shipping companies:

According to Merchant Shipping Notice 94, in addition to the reporting obligations in terms of Section 307 of the Merchant Shipping Act, any occurrence happening on board a Maltese ship anywhere in the world and any ship within Maltese waters shall be reported to the Marine Safety Investigation Unit within Transport Malta in terms of the Merchant Shipping (Accident and Incident Safety Investigation) Regulations, 2011, Legal Notice 275 of 2011 published on 12 July 2011.

The requirement to report occurrences applies to merchant and passenger ships, fishing vessels over 15 metres in length and pleasure vessels engaged in trade. The purpose of the investigative procedures is to identify causes and safety issues to improve marine safety and avoid pollution. Since the Marine Safety Investigation Unit is neither an enforcement nor a prosecuting body, it doesn't have the legal mandate to investigate for the purpose of taking administrative, regulatory or criminal actions.

Masters and ISM Managers of ships operating under the Malta flag should ensure timely report of any occurrence to the designate address by using the MSIU Marine Accident and Incident Report-Form A and B (refer to annex for details). All shipping companies and masters are hereby advised to pay due attention to the requirements and take appropriate actions.

Hereby notify the above.

Annex:

1. Merchant Shipping Notice 94