



Merchant Shipping Directorate



## FATALITIES ASSOCIATED WITH LACK OF COMMUNICATION AND ASSISTANCE

### Information Notice 30

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

The Directorate wishes to draw the attention of all concerned to the [Marine Safety Investigation Report No. 06/2018](#). This Report highlights the potential safety hazards associated with lack of communication and assistance amongst the crew members while working in enclosed spaces on board a vessel.

Masters must always ensure to highlight the importance of communication when working alone or in confined spaces. Thus, it is vital to review the maintenance, inspection and test operational procedures so as to specifically exclude all adjustment of limits by ships personnel unless supervised by an expert.

The Safety Investigation Report aims to establish the circumstances and safety factors of an accident as a basis to make recommendations, in order to minimize the risk of such re-occurrences. Therefore, masters and operators of Maltese registered ships are advised to follow the recommendations contained therein.

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