

Merchant Shipping Directorate



## MEDICAL STORES ON COMMERCIAL YACHTS

## **Commercial Yachting Notice 9**

Notice to Yacht Owners, Yacht Operators, Managers, Masters, Owners' Representatives, Appointed Surveyors and Recognised Organisations

The Directorate would like to remind all those concerned about the requirements regarding Medical Stores for all yachts, specified in Section 19 of the <u>Malta Commercial Yacht Code (CYC)</u> 2020. All yachts are required to carry adequate medical stores suitable for their area and range of operation and the CYC specifies these requirements for both yachts < 24m in length and those  $\geq$  24m in length.

For yachts < 24m the list of equipment and quantity that must be included in the First Aid Kit can be referred to in Section 19.1.

For yachts  $\geq$  24m reference is made to the <u>Merchant Shipping Maritime Labour Convection</u> <u>Rules</u>, as amended. The Fifth Schedule of these Rules specifies the list of Medicines, Medical Equipment and Antidotes that need to be carried on board depending on the area of operation (Category A applies to yachts without navigation area limitations, Category B applies to yachts which do not operate beyond 150 nautical miles from safe haven).

The medical stores and its contents shall be inspected and certified at intervals not exceeding 12 months by a qualified pharmacist or doctor.

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