



Merchant Shipping Directorate



NON-COMPLIANT 275N LIFEJACKET AND TRANS SUIT

Information Notice 47

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

The Directorate would like to draw the attention of all concerned to a UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency's (UK MCA) decision regarding an investigation on 275N Lifejacket and Trans suit manufactured and marketed by Northern Diver (International) Ltd.

The investigation concluded that Northern Diver's 275N Lifejacket and Transit Suit have been found to be defective. Furthermore, it found that Northern Diver does not hold a valid conformity assessment certification for these products, in spite of such products being marketed as Marine Equipment Directive (MED) wheelmarked equipment. As a result, the UK MCA issued a direction to Northern Diver to recall the 275N Lifejacket and Transit Suit and to cease placing them on the market.

The Directorate reminds all concerned of the implementation of Directive 2014/90/EU on Marine Equipment as well as Merchant Shipping Notices [145](#), [153](#) and [162](#) on compliance with the MED.

Should any such equipment be found onboard Malta flagged vessels affected by such or similar non-compliance, it shall be immediately communicated to this the Directorate. It shall also be communicated to the respective Recognized Organization for the approval of any corrective action that has to be taken in order to bring the vessel in line with the requirements of the SOLAS Convention and the MED.

Merchant Shipping Directorate

13 January 2023

Malta Transport Centre
Hal Lija LJA 2021, Malta

Tel: +356 2125 0360
Email: mershipmalta.tm@transport.gov.mt
www.transport.gov.mt/ship-registration



Merchant Shipping Directorate
ISO 9001:2015 certified

Transport Malta is the Authority for Transport in Malta set up by Act XV of 2009