



Merchant Shipping Directorate



## POTENTIAL HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH GREY WATER TANKS ON BOARD SHIPS

### *Information Notice 40*

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

The Directorate would like to draw the attention of all concerned to the publication of Marine Safety Investigation Report [No.23/2020](#). This report highlights the potential safety hazards when entering enclosed spaces and specifically the hazards that may be associated with grey water tanks and the presence of H<sub>2</sub>S gas.

Furthermore, reference is also made to Information Notice 36. It is recalled that standards must be strictly followed by personnel entering enclosed spaces onboard ships. These requirements are necessary due to the continued loss of life resulting from personnel entering shipboard spaces where the atmosphere is oxygen-depleted, oxygen-enriched, toxic, or flammable.

The attention of all concerned is also drawn to the revised recommendations for Entering into Enclosed Spaces aboard ships - [IMO Resolution A.1050\(27\)](#).

All concerned are strongly recommended to bring this Notice and the investigation report to the attention of all crew serving onboard Maltese registered vessels and follow the recommendations contained therein.

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