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**Local Maritime Direction – No 021**

To: All local Agents, Port Authorities, Pilots and Operators

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This LMD contains guidance for local shipping Agents, Port Authorities, Pilots and Operators of the relevant requirements in the EU Directive and relevant Convention for reporting defects to the competent authority of the port state.

*Competent Authority / Appropriate Authority – Gibraltar Maritime Administration*

**Reference - Council Directive 95/21/EC of 19 June 1995 on port State control of shipping Article 13**

**Reports from pilots and port authorities**

1. Pilots of Member States, engaged in berthing or un-berthing ships or engaged on ships bound for a port within a Member State, shall immediately inform the competent authority of the port State or the coastal State, as appropriate, whenever they learn in the course of their normal duties that there are deficiencies which may prejudice the safe navigation of the ship, or which may pose a threat of harm to the marine environment.
2. If port authorities, when exercising their normal duties, learn that a ship within their port has deficiencies which may prejudice the safety of the ship or poses an unreasonable threat of harm to the marine environment, such authority shall immediately inform the competent authority of the port state concerned.

Port Authorities and Pilots who are aware of any deficiencies that may prejudice the safety of the ship or which may pose threat of harm to the marine environment shall report immediately the nature of the defect to [maritime.survey@gibraltar.gov.gi](mailto:maritime.survey@gibraltar.gov.gi)

**Reporting requirements from local shipping agents / local operators**

Local shipping agents / local operators are to be aware of the regulation mentioned below, which requires Master or Owner of the ship to report any defects which affects the safety of the ship or the efficiency or completeness of its life-saving appliances or other equipment to the appropriate authorities of the Port State.

Any defect which may be reported to or known by local shipping agents or operators shall be immediately reported to [maritime.survey@gibraltar.gov.gi](mailto:maritime.survey@gibraltar.gov.gi)

**SOLAS 1988 Amend / Chapter I / Reg. 11 ( c ).**

(c) Whenever an accident occurs to a ship or a defect is discovered, either of which affects the safety of the ship or the efficiency or completeness of its life-saving appliances or other equipment, the master or owner of the ship shall report at the earliest opportunity to the Administration, the nominated surveyor or recognized organization responsible for issuing the relevant certificate, who shall cause investigations to be initiated to determine whether a

survey, as required by regulations 7, 8, 9 or 10, is necessary. If the ship is in a port of another Contracting Government, the master or owner shall also report immediately to the appropriate authorities of the port state and the nominated surveyor or recognized organization shall ascertain that such a report has been made.

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