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To: The Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry The Association of Ship Agents GRTU – General Retailers & Traders Union ATTO – Association of Tractors & Trailers Operators Association of Groupage Operators

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Re: Port Workers Clarification of Tariffs related to Heavy Plant Drivers and 'Spinelli'

The Port Workers' Board that determines the tariffs related to port workers as stipulated in the Ports Workers Ordinance Chapter 171 has clarified that:

Deployment of Heavy Plant Drivers as stipulated in Port Workers Regulations 171.02 will be deployed with ship operations whenever the handling of goods includes

- Heavy Plant Machinery (example excavators)
- Other heavy vehicles (example military trucks)
- All unaccompanied vehicles over 7 metres in length (example unaccompanied car carriers).

The Board has also determined that whenever vessels are equipped with 'spinelli', that the decision taken in the past by the Port Disputes Board, that each and every trailer lashed in this manner require extra handling, is still applicable.

Therefore, VGT would like to advise all agents and customers that these additional costs will be chargeable as follows:- Heavy Plant Drivers - that were previously were charged to the ship's agent - will be chargeable to those consignees/shippers that are importing/exporting the above type of equipment.

'Spinelli' - will be charged to the ship's agent.

Yours faithfully

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c.c.: The Chairman – Authority for Transport In Malta The CEO – Authority for Transport in Malta