

15<sup>th</sup> February 2016

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  
ACIM – Association of Car Importers Malta  
MSPC/Malta Maritime Forum

## **PUBLIC NOTICE NO 31/15**

Dear Sirs,

### **Re: Security Measures for Trailers & Containers**

This is to advise that due to increasing pressure to ensure proper security measures, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016, in order for empty units (trailers & containers) to be classified as empty, the units must be totally and absolutely empty.

For the sake of clarity, the definition of an Empty Unit is that specified in the Reference Manual of EU Council Regulation No 1172/98/EC.

Empty: The goods road vehicle contains no article or any item of transport equipment that has to be unloaded at a given destination.

In order to avoid any unnecessary charges, we remind all stakeholders to ensure that their drivers are acquainted with our long-standing procedure that prior to entry into our premises they are to descend from the vehicle and open the empty unit so that it can be recorded accordingly. All units entering with a seal will be classified as full.

Yours faithfully



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c.c. The Chairman – Transport Malta  
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