

LUISE ASSOCIATES Ltd.

PRE-SEASONAL NEWSLETTER 2011

New Cruising Rules.

Italian D.L. 18 - February 16th 2011, modifies D.L. 196 year 2005, direttiva **2002/59/CE**

A quick note to advise that since February last, Italy enforced the European law mentioned above and, therefore, some rules must now be applied during the cruise in Italy and between European countries, such as, i.e., the compulsory advise – in case the trip is longer than 24 hours – **the Captain or the Agent must give to the Authorities based at the port of arrival, together the ID of the vessel (Name, Flag, IMO, MMSI etc.) with the indication of the ETA and number of total people on board the vessel. The same communication must be done also if the trip is shorter than 24 hours before leaving the previous port or pilotage area.**

This rule must be followed by Agents and Captains of vessels over 300GRT and also pleasure vessels over 45:00 MT Loa.

For any other information please do not hesitate to contact us. Here is the link (Italia) where you can find the Law reference : <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2002:208:0010:0010:IT:PDF>

AND A LUIGI PRESS RELEASE RELATING TO SAME (HB):

Arrival Departure formalities in Italy changes. For immediate release by Luise Associates Ltd.

Press release

For immediate delivery:

New rules for harbourmaster formalities in Italy.

As a result of the intensive collaboration activity with Federagenti (The Association of Italian Shipping Agents) on the 18th May 2010, the General Management for Sea Freight Transport of the Ministry of Transport has informed the Italian Harbour Master's Office in Rome of the new procedure about the Harbour- Master formalities regarding arrival and departure of Italian, European and Non-European commercial yachts or pleasure vessels.

The new procedure is aimed at simplifying the arrival and departure formalities that commercial yachts are obliged to discharge at the Harbour Master's Office, upon arrival at a commercial harbour or private marina.

Although effective rules and regulations are still shortcoming, here following the new procedure which will be compulsory carried out by the local agent:

1. **The arrival and departure full formalities have to be applied in the so-called "Porto Base" (Italian Home Port), or the first Italian port reached by a yacht coming from a foreign country outside Italy (EU or non- EU country). If the yacht arrives from a non-EU country, she will also have to apply for an entry declaration, that is called "Costituto" (this declaration is compulsory also for private yacht).**

2. In all the ports subsequent to the “Porto Base” (Italian Home Port or **first port of entry**), the local shipping agent (on behalf of the yacht master / Owner) has to:
 - a. notify to the local Harbour Master’s Office about the arrival of the vessel.
 - b. notify to the Harbour Master’s Office of the “Porto Base” about the arrival of the vessel in his area (port of call or anchorage).

3. In the **last Italian port of call** the completed arrival and departure formalities are discharged once again in full and the Harbour Master’s Office of the “Porto Base” must - also - be duly notified about the end of the cruise in the Italian waters.

The new simplified procedure **does not concern the formalities relating to the Customs and Immigration Offices**, which will continue to be discharged by the shipping agents in accordance with the rules and regulations currently in force, in each port of call, according the local Authorities requests.

Paris MoU on board inspections.

It sounds that Port State Control visits will be intensified and enforced in year 2011 in all European seas.

“The Paris Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control is a system of harmonized inspection procedures designed to target sub-standards ships with the main objective being their eventual elimination”.

Luise Associates, as a registered ship and yacht agent, can fully assist commercial and private vessels crew during the inspection operated by local Italian Authorities whenever the certification it’s not on board and it has not been released yet. It’s very important and strongly suggested, therefore, to “use” a professional ship agent, especially in Italy, who is able to deal with harbour master offices **along the whole coast** during the ship’s cruise.

Because a first inspection lasts at least three hours, we will be able to provide support to the Captain in order to assist the crew with the paperwork needed during the authorities visit.

As you may already know the Luise Group is based in all main Italian ports and Marinas with it’s own team of professionals. Please see www.luise.com

Cash money on board.

A short note to advise that, after France, Italian customs will check about cash money on board. Is therefore seriously suggested to all Captains to get on board the proper paperwork. Declaration must be made prior arrival in the Italian waters.

We remain at your full disposal at anytime for any further information you may need.

We wish you fair winds a calm seas and a very successful summer season 2011!

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