

# Libya Crisis – Snapshot

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## Malta Operations Information

*Please note: The information below is the most recent information available to WFP gathered through secondary sources and ground observations.*

The following document provides an overview to the infrastructure and services available to humanitarian organizations looking to transit aid through Malta en route to Libya. The Government of Malta is actively interested in enabling humanitarian aid to transit through its port. It is facilitating the registration of NGOs, and has set up a front desk to support humanitarian organizations interested in using the services available. Several organizations have reported that as an English-speaking and business-friendly country in close proximity, Malta is an advantageous location from which to launch aid operations in Libya.

### Sea Transport

Marsaxlokk Port	
<b>Open</b>	Yes
<b>Location</b>	10 km South of Port of Valletta. 35° 49' 34" N, 14° 32' 45" E
<b>Approach</b>	The access to the Port is easily accessible having a mid-channel depth of water of 20 metres to 25 metres. The access and berthing alongside the Terminal Two North Quay (outer Port) is 16 m draft. The access fairway to the inner Port is 15.5 m resulting in a berthing draft of 14.5 m. The Port's inner fairway covering the South Quay of Terminal Two and the North Quay of Terminal One and alongside these quays are being dredged to -17 m LAT allowing an access and berthing draft of 16 m.
<b>Pilotage &amp; Anchorage</b>	Compulsory for vessels over 500 gross tons.
<b>Towage</b>	
<b>Contacts</b>	+356 2165 0200
<b>Accommodation</b>	Malta Freeport Terminals has two Container Terminals, namely Terminal One and Terminal Two. Terminal One has a mainline quay length of 1,000 metres, a total area of 457,500 square metres, 10,238 container ground slots and 606 reefer points. Terminal Two has a total operational quay length of 1,140 metres, 4,849 ground slots, 288 reefer points and a total area of 222,500 square metres. Terminal Two's West Quay is 118 meters long with alongside depth of 15.5 meters.
<b>Equipment</b>	Terminal One is equipped with ten Quayside Cranes, namely six super post-Panamax and four post-Panamax Quayside Cranes. Terminal Two is served by twelve super post-Panamax Quayside Cranes, four of which have twin 40' lifting spreader capacity and the other eight are capable of handling twin-lift spreaders. Additional ancillary yard equipment includes: yard cranes, reach stackers, tractors, trailers, multi-trailor train system, fork lifters, empty handlers and small forklifts.
<b>Container &amp; Ro-Ro Facilities</b>	The roll-on/roll-off berth at the Malta Freeport is 200 meters long with alongside depth of 15.5 meters.
<b>Bulk Cargo Facilities</b>	
<b>Storage</b>	There are ten general-purposes warehouses, each of which covers 2,400 square meters and includes a thousand square meters of covered space. Storage costs approximately 1.40 Euros/m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Tanker/Liquefied gas terminals</b>	The Malta Freeport's Oil Terminal has tank capacity for 359 thousand cubic meters (or 2.3 million barrels). With three jetties, the terminal contains 18 tanks ranging from five- to 35-thousand cubic meters with floating roofs and internal floaters. The terminal can handle tankers with draft up to 15.8 meters and up to 120 thousand DWT.

<b>Remarks</b>	Malta Freeport is a customs-free zone and is the third largest transshipment port in the Mediterranean region. More information about the port can be found at: <a href="http://www.maltafreeport.com.mt/freeport/home.aspx">http://www.maltafreeport.com.mt/freeport/home.aspx</a> .
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<b>Valletta Port</b>	
<b>Open</b>	Yes.
<b>Location</b>	35° 53' 43" N, 14° 30' 43" E
<b>Approach</b>	
<b>Pilotage &amp; Anchorage</b>	Compulsory for vessels over 500 gross tons.
<b>Towage</b>	
<b>Contacts</b>	+356 21222203
<b>Accommodation</b>	The Port of Valletta has eight berths for conventional cargo, five of them at Deep Water Quay (488 m long) and three at Laboratory Wharf (380 m long). The Deep Water Quay handles most conventional cargo with berthing facilities for Ro-Ro cargo.
<b>Equipment</b>	
<b>Container &amp; Ro-Ro Facilities</b>	Valletta Gateway Terminal has 6 Ro-Ro ramps and can handle container traffic at both quays. The Port of Valletta handles roll-on/roll-off cargoes at the Wine Verandah and breakbulk cargoes at the Coal Wharf.
<b>Bulk Cargo Facilities</b>	The Magazine Wharf in the Port of Valletta is used mainly for transshipments of cereals. The Magazine Wharf is 250 meters long with alongside depth of 15 meters, and it can accommodate Panamax bulkers of up to 70 thousand DWT.
<b>Storage</b>	There are two controlled-access sheds covering a total of 7.2 thousand square meters available for storage. The car compound at Laboratory Wharf in the Port of Valletta has a total of 19.4 thousand square meters of space and secured storage areas where only authorized personnel can enter. The Port of Valletta's Laboratory Wharf also has power outlet facilities for reefer containers. While there are no cold stores within the port, several available facilities are located near the harbour. The Deep Water Quay has 3 transit sheds covering 8.5 thousand m <sup>2</sup> . Storage costs approximately 0.20 Euro/m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Tanker/Liquefied gas terminals</b>	The Fuel Wharf consists of three quays with a total length of 304 meters and alongside depth of 10 meters. This Port of Valletta wharf has cement silos used by private operators holding concessions with the Malta Maritime Authority. The Fuel Wharf has equipment for discharging edible oil, and small tankers can berth alongside. The Port of Valletta's Flagstone Wharf is a dedicated petroleum terminal used for storing petroleum and for providing bunkering services. Bunkering outlets are also located at the Fuel Wharf and the Magazine Wharf.
<b>Cruise Ship terminals</b>	Valletta Cruise Port Terminals (ex VASET) operates 3 terminals: Pinto Wharf (1 - 5) Gun Wharf Wine Wharf Can be contacted on +356 2567 3000 for further information
<b>Remarks</b>	

## Air Transport

<b>Malta International Airport</b>	
<b>Codes</b>	IATA: MLA, ICAO: LMML
<b>Open</b>	Yes.
<b>Location</b>	5 km SW of Valletta.
<b>Terminals</b>	1
<b>Facilities</b>	Cargo facilities: Capacity 30,000 tonnes, Warehouse 5,000m <sup>2</sup> , Bonded Warehouse, and EU Border Post.

<b>Radio</b>	No information available.
<b>Runways</b>	2 runways. 14/32 11,627 ft and 06/24 7,798 ft.
<b>Remarks</b>	Malta International Airport is approximately 15 minutes away from the port and there is ample capacity to arrange for transport between the two.

## Customs

The Customs Department forms part of the Ministry of Finance, the Economy & Investment. The Customs Department has established a Customer Service office at the Custom House which processes any queries by the general public. Moreover, Customs Officers present at all Malta's legal landing places are able to assist and control all import, export, transit and transshipment operations at points such as Malta Freeport, Luqa Airfreight, Courier office, Parcel Post, Laboratory Wharf and Deep Water Quay. The Baggage Room at Valletta Harbour and Customs office at Malta International Airport handles incoming and outgoing passengers, including all accompanied luggage and vehicles.

Specialty items (armoured vehicles, de-mining equipment etc): As long as items are permitted by U.N. sanctions, the Maltese authorities have agreed to facilitate the goods in transit.

**Customs Contact Person:** Assistant Director Landing & Releasing, Francis Tartaglia

**Customs Website:** <http://ces.gov.mt>

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## Immigration

Information about entry requirements for Malta can be found here:

<http://www.mfa.gov.mt/default.aspx?MDIS=523>

## NGO Registration

NGOs have reported that it takes one day to register with the Government of Malta, allowing them to open bank accounts and begin operations within two days of arriving. For further information on registration, please contact the Front Desk.

## Front Desk

The front desk located at the Civil Protection Department (CPD) Headquarters at Ta' Kandja was set up to respond to requests for information and coordination made by the NGOs regarding humanitarian aid to Libya. The front desk's main aim is to be the point of contact for NGOs helping CPD co-ordinate initial information requirements for the flow of humanitarian supplies to Libya facilitating the information to NGO's, on customs procedures, on ships operating to Libya, and any other information requirements by other departments.

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