

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 167 OF 2000

(Miscellaneous Information)

Safe Working Practice on Carriage of Used Motor Vehicles/Cycles and Related Parts by Vessels

The attention of owners, agents, masters and persons-in-charge of vessels, and shippers, forwarders and consignees of the shipment is drawn to the importance of observance of safety guidelines for the conveyance of used motor vehicles/cycles and related parts which are attached to this notice at Annexes [A](#) and [B](#).

2. This notice supersedes Marine Department Notice No. 147 of 1999.

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Safety Guidelines for Conveyance of Used Motor Vehicles/Cycles

When used motor vehicles/cycles are carried as a whole in cargo spaces or containers, it is important that:

- i. motor vehicles/cycles are drained of fuel before conveyance;
- ii fuel tanks/lines and engine components are securely closed to prevent leakage of fuel which may be left behind;
- iii. motor vehicles/cycles are stowed away from all sources of heat, including spark, flare, steam pipe or heating coil;
- iv. battery terminals are disconnected and taped to prevent short circuiting;
- v. the ignition is switched off;
- vi. spare cans of fuel should not be carried;
- vii. motor vehicles/cycles are firmly secured in an upright position to prevent movement;
- viii. greasy rags should be removed; and
- ix adequate ventilation is provided to effectively remove flammable vapour from cargo spaces or containers.

Safety Guidelines for Conveyance of Used Parts of Motor Vehicles/Cycles
(including Fuel Tanks/Lines, Engine Components and Batteries)

When used motor vehicles/cycles parts including fuel tanks/lines, engine components and batteries are carried in cargo spaces or containers, it is important that:

- i. parts are completely drained of fuel before conveyance;
- ii. parts are hermetically sealed and packaged to prevent any leakage of fuel which may be left behind;
- iii. batteries are carefully checked, prior to shipment, with its integrity and suitability for conveyance;
- iv. batteries are protected against short circuits, the terminals of which are taped or sealed with insulators;
- v. parts are kept away from all sources of heat, including spark, flare, steam pipe or heating coil;
- vi. parts are protected by packagings against external source of ignition;
- vii. parts are firmly secured to prevent movement;
- viii. greasy rags should be removed; and
- ix. adequate ventilation is provided to effectively remove flammable vapour from cargo spaces or containers.