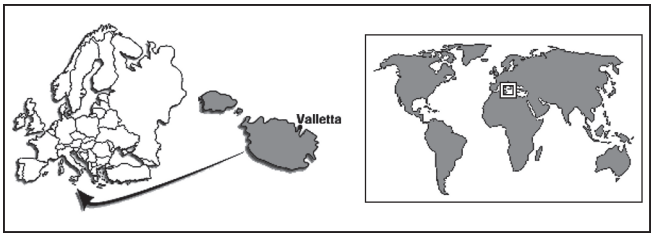
Malta, incl. Gozo (MT)
Amounts shown are expressed in Euro (EUR)



0. General Information

- IATA Area : 2
- Capital : Valletta
- Local Time : GMT + 1
- Daylight Saving Time : GMT + 2: Starts on the last Sunday in March and ends on the last Sunday in October.
- ☎ Country Code : + 356
- Local Currency : Euro (EUR)
- Bank Information : Closed on Sunday.
- Public Holidays :

Date
01 Jan 2015
10 Feb 2015
19 Mar 2015
31 Mar 2015
03 Apr 2015
01 May 2015
07 Jun 2015
29 Jun 2015
15 Aug 2015
08 Sep 2015
21 Sep 2015
08 Dec 2015
13 Dec 2015
25 Dec 2015

- **Cargo Claims Information**
  The following Protocols / Conventions have been ratified:
  1. Warsaw Convention (1929)
  2. Montreal Convention MC99 (1999)

  For further details, explanation and how to apply these Protocols / Conventions see paragraph 2.1.5. (General Rules) including list of countries.

- **E-freight and e-AWB status of airports**
  For e-freight and e-AWB implementation status of airports please refer to chapter 6.4.

- **E-Customs**
  Advance Electronic Information (AEI) requirements
  - Status: Live
  - System name: Import Control System (ICS) and Export Control System (ECS)
  - Pre-registration to file data: Required
  - Scope: Import, Export, Transit, Transhipment cargo
  - Party responsible for filing: For imports, the incoming carrier. For exports, when an Exit Summary Declaration (EXS) is required, the outgoing carrier.
  - Deadline - shorthaul (imports): For flights less than four hours, the deadline is before take-off from foreign airport
  - Deadline - longhaul (imports): At least four hours prior to arrival
  - Deadline (exports): At least 30 minutes prior to departure
  - How to submit information: For imports, an Entry Summary Declaration (ENS) is sent electronically through the ICS. For exports, an AEI transmission of data for security risk assessment of cargo may be incorporated into the export declaration. If the security data has not been included in the export declaration, an exit AEI declaration (EXS) is required.
  - Further information: http://ec.europa.eu/ecip/

  Note:
  If data are not sent in advance, goods have to be declared immediately on arrival at the border, which can delay the customs clearance of consignments at the border pending the results of risk analysis for safety and security purposes.

  E-Customs information and Advance Electronic Information requirements are subject to change. Readers should check for the latest information available from relevant country authorities.

  For additional information on E-Customs and Advance Electronic Information, please refer to chapter 6.5.

- **Security**
  ACC3
  (EC Regulation 185/2010 on Cargo Security)

  Since February 1, 2012, all air carriers carrying cargo or mail from a non-EU country to the EU must be designated as an ‘’Air Cargo or Mail Carrier operating into the Union from a Third Country Airport” (ACC3) by an EU Member State. A list of exempted countries is relieved from this requirement.

  In order to obtain ACC3 designation, a carrier should
  - Ensure its security program integrates necessary EU security requirements for cargo and mail loaded onto its aircraft at any third country airport for carriage into the EU.
  - Nominate a person who has overall responsibility for implementation of cargo and mail security.
  - Submit a “Declaration of Commitments” to the appropriate EU Member State authority.

  ACC3 designation is to be obtained for every non-EU airport station from which the air carrier flies cargo and/or mail into the EU, unless an exemption applies.

  Carriers are responsible for ensuring all cargo or mail is screened or comes from a secure supply chain regulated agent (RA), known consignor (KC), account consignor (AC) before entering EU airspace.

  For designation as ACC3, carriers should contact the appropriate authority, as follows:
  - For EU carriers - the Member State that issued the AOC.
  - For non-EU carriers - the Member State listed in the Annex to Regulation 394/2011 (ETS).
  - For non-listed carriers - the Member State in which you have your major base of operations in the EU.

  By July 1, 2014, air carriers need to
  - Ensure that on-site airport station verification of cargo and mail security measures has been carried out by an EU aviation security validator.
  - Ensure that its business relations with regulated agents and known consignors are independently validated by an EU aviation security validator, after which a database should be maintained with details of the RA, KC and AC they are accepting cargo from.
    This regulation includes additional measures for High Risk Cargo, defined as cargo originating from a list of specific countries.

  On-site validations will take place either at each airport from which the air carrier flies cargo or mail to the EU, or, with conditions applied, at a representative number of airports from which the air carrier flies cargo or mail to the EU. Each successful security validation will require revalidation on a 5 year cycle.

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7.3. Import/Transit/Export Regulations

7.3.2. Countries Alphabetically Listed

1. Airport Information

1.1. Customs Airports

- **Luqa, Malta - MLA**
  The contact details for Customs Luqa Airfreight Section are as follows:
  Tel.: +356 (0)2122 2965 (Direct line - Administration)
  +356 (0)2125 0450 (PBX)
  +356 (0)2125 0516 (PBX))
  +356 (0)2125 0517 (PBX)
  +356 (0)2122 2928 (Overtime Office)
  Fax: +356 (0)2123 3815
  E-mail: airfreight.customs@gov.mt
  Website: www.maltacustoms.gov.mt

1.2. Airport Facilities

Air Malta Warehouse Facilities

1.2.1. Loading/Unloading equipment

Forklift, capacity 5,000 kg.; Conveyor belts; High loader.

1.2.2. Storage

Storage:
Air Malta Warehouse Facilities

- Small packages Area
- Mortuary
- Cold Room facility
- Bulky Area
- Vulnerable Cargo Area
- Racking system and stackers identifying EU and Non-EU Cargo.
- Releasing Area
- Tallying Area
- Dangerous Goods Area
- Chiller

1.2.3. Clearance

At airport by consignee or his broker.

1.2.4. Customs hours

1 Oct. - 15 Jun.: Monday through Friday 08.00 - 12.00 hrs. and 13.00 - 17.00 hrs.
16 Jun. - 30 Sep.: Monday through Friday 07.45 - 13.15 hrs.
Clearance outside Customs hours possible against payment of overtime fee.

1.2.5. Delivery

Possible by agent.

1.2.6. (Re)-Forwarding

Possible.

2. Import

2.1. General

Applicable to Air Malta Warehouse Facilities

2.1.5. Other requirements

Documentation:

- Cargo Manifests: Min. 5 copies.
- AWB: Min. 6 copies
- Consolidated shipments must be accompanied by a consolidated manifest.

2.2. Documentary Requirements

2.2.1. Commercial consignments

- 3 combined Certificates of Value and Origin and Invoice of Goods.
- Import Licence from Director of Trade.

2.2.2. Sample consignments

Invoices stating purpose of consignment.

2.2.3. Gift consignments

Invoices. State on AWB: “Gift consignment”.

2.2.4. Unaccompanied baggage

Must be cleared personally by passenger. Passport required for clearance.

2.2.5. Other consignments

All consignments need to be cleared against payment of duty (if applicable).

2.3. Restrictions

2.3.2. Live animals

Health Certificate.
Import Permit/Clearance has to be obtained from Department of Environment.
Cats and dogs: may be imported after the required Import Permit has been obtained from the Director of Agriculture and Fisheries. Furthermore, the animal must be accompanied by the following documents:

1. Certificate of Health/Origin issued by an Official Veterinary Surgeon;
2. Certificate of Rabies Vaccination.

Important:
No Pit Bull Terrier or crosses of, are allowed to be imported.

The animal may be accepted **as manifested cargo only** and must undergo quarantine period which varies according the Country of origin.
Animals requiring quarantine must only be accepted from Mondays through Saturdays 07.00 - 17.00 hours.

2.3.3. Plants and plant material

Health Certificate.
Import authorization from Director of Agriculture required in advance.

2.3.4. Arms, ammunition and explosives

Import Permit from Police Authorities, Trade Department and Airline. As per local authorities requires a 5 day pre-notification to cargo.reservations.airmalta@airmalta.com and cargo.operations.airmalta@airmalta.com

2.3.5. Narcotics and drugs

Import Permit from Chief Government Medical Officer.
Requires a 24 hrs. pre-notification to cargo.reservations.airmalta@airmalta.com

2.3.6. Human remains

(not cremated): Act of Death and Medical Certificate if Act of Death does not state particulars of cause of death. Certificate of Identity. Certificate from Health Authorities at origin that remains can be transported without risk and danger to public health.
Special packing requirements: Very strict requirements are to be met. Contact authorities for details.

2.3.13. Precious metals and stones

See 2.3.15.

2.3.15. Others

Valuable cargo: requires a 24 hours pre-notification to SITA address MLAFPKM with full Consignees name/address/telephone numbers. Pre-notifications are processed Monday through Fridays from 08.00 - 16.00 hrs.

Prior confirmation for forwarding from MLAFPKM to be given. Valuable cargo is not accepted on Sundays and Public Holidays and after office hours.

2.4. Prohibitions

Pornographic and seditious literature, printed matter and video cassettes.

3. Transhipment/Transit

3.1. General

For all shipments handled by Air Malta Cargo Operations the below minimum connecting times must be followed:
Through pallets: 3 hours
Loose Cargo: 6 hours.

3.3. Restrictions

All local restrictions and regulations apply.

4. Export

4.1. General

Cargo handled by Cargo Operations.
Cargo will be accepted after shipper had produced the necessary documentation and shipment had been prepared according to regulations.

4.2. Documentary Requirements

Dispatch of goods form or Airwaybill, Declaration of Security status, Licences, Permits and Customs documents (where applicable).

4.3. Restrictions

Shipper/Agent must check with Cargo Reservations and/or Operations (Tel +356 22994444 or cargo.reservations.airmalta@airmalta.com) for special cargo requirements such as live animals, ammunitions of war, firearms and explosives.

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