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To all Registered owners, Registered bareboat charterers
Managers and Representatives of ships flying the Cyprus Flag

To all Owners, Managers, Representatives and
Agents in Cyprus of Ships, irrespective of flag they are flying,
calling at Cyprus ports

Subject: Entry into force of amendments to IMO International Conventions and Instruments: April- June 2022

I refer to the above subject and I wish to inform you of the forthcoming entry into force of amendments to International Conventions and Instruments as shown in below **Table**:

Date of entry into force	International Convention/ Instrument	Description
1 April 2022	MARPOL amendments Annex VI	Annex VI on sulphur content definition and sampling <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Amendments to Regulation 2 'Definitions', to include new definitions for "Sulphur content of fuel oil" - meaning the concentration of sulphur in any fuel oil, measured in % m/m as tested in accordance with standard acceptable to the Organization; "Low-flashpoint fuel", to mean gaseous or liquid fuel having a flashpoint lower than otherwise permitted under paragraph 2.1.1 of SOLAS regulation II-2/4; "MARPOL delivered sample", to mean the sample of fuel oil delivered in accordance with regulation 18.8.1 of MARPOL Annex VI; "In-use sample", to mean the sample of fuel oil in use on a ship; and "On board sample", to mean the sample of fuel oil intended to be used or carried for use on board that ship.- Fuel oil sampling and testing - amendments to Regulation 14 'Sulphur oxides (SOX) and particulate matter', to add new paragraphs related to in-use and onboard fuel oil sampling and testing, to add new paragraphs to require one or more sampling points to be fitted or designated for the purpose of taking representative samples of the fuel oil being used or carried for use on board the ship. The representative samples of the fuel oil being used on board are to be taken in order to verify the fuel oil complies with the



		<p>regulation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Appendix I amendments to the International Air Pollution Prevention (IAPP) certificate - Consequential amendments to update the IAPP certificate to add a reference to sampling points and also to note where there is an exemption to the provision for low-flashpoint fuel. - Appendix VI on the Fuel verification procedure for MARPOL Annex VI fuel oil samples consequential amendments to verification procedures, to cover verification of the representative samples of in-use fuel oil and on board fuel oil. <p>IMO Resolution: Resolution MEPC.324(75) adopted on 20 November 2020.</p>
1 June 2022	BWM Convention	<p>Amendments to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (BWM Convention), concerning commissioning testing of ballast water management systems and the form of the International Ballast Water Management Certificate.</p> <p>IMO Resolution: Resolution MEPC.325(75) adopted on 20 November 2020.</p>
1 June 2022	SOLAS Convention/ IMDG Code	<p>Amendments to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG Code) (amendment 40-20) related to segregation requirements for alcoholates; segregation in relation to liquid organic substances; classification and transport of carbon, following incidents involving the spontaneous ignition of charcoal; classification of UN portable tanks for multimodal transport; and provisions for labels.</p> <p>IMO Resolution: Resolution MSC.477(102) adopted on 11 November 2020.</p>



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