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SHIPPING DEPUTY MINISTRY TO THE PRESIDENT

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

To all Owners, Managers, Representatives and Agents in Cyprus of Passenger Ships,
irrespective of flag they are flying, calling at Cyprus ports
c/o Cyprus Shipping Association

Subject: Harmonisation with the European Union Directive (EU) 2017/2109:

- 1) The Merchant Shipping (Registration of Persons Sailing on Board Passenger Ships (Amendment) Law of 2020 (Law 188(I)/2020).**
- 2) The Reporting Formalities for Ships Arriving in and/or Departing from Ports of the Republic of Cyprus Order of 2020 (P.I. 605/2020).**

1. I refer to the above subject and wish to inform you of the enactment of the *Merchant Shipping (Registration of Persons Sailing on Board Passenger Ships (Amendment) Law of 2020 (Law 188(I)/2020)*¹ as well as of the issuing of *the Reporting Formalities for Ships Arriving in and/or Departing from Ports of the Republic of Cyprus Order of 2020 (P.I. 605/2020)*².
2. The purpose of European Union Directive (EU) 2017/2109³, and consequently **Law 188(I)/2020** (amending basic **Law 57(I)/2002**) is to transpose into the Law of the Republic of Cyprus the amendments made to Directive 98/41/EC. The relevant amendments are a result of the implementation of Directive 98/41/EC, which has shown that information on passengers is not always immediately available to the competent authorities when needed, while the current requirements of Directive 98/41/EC should be aligned with the electronic data submission requirements in order to increase efficiency.
3. The amendments introduced by Directive (EU) 2017/2109 to Directive 2010/65/EU regarding Part A of the Annex thereof, are introduced to the Cyprus legal order by virtue of the **Reporting Formalities for Ships Arriving in and/or Departing from Ports**

¹ Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Cyprus No. 4794, Supplement I(I), dated 17.12.2020.

² Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Cyprus No. 5417, Supplement III(I), dated 18.12.2020.

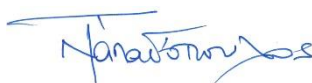
³ of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 November 2017 amending Council Directive 98/41/EC on the registration of persons sailing on board passenger ships operating to or from ports of the Member States of the Community and Directive 2010/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on reporting formalities for ships arriving in and/or departing from ports of the Member States.



of the Republic of Cyprus Order of 2020 (P.I. 605/2020), issued under the Reporting Formalities of Ships Arriving in and/or Departing from Ports of the Republic of Cyprus Law of 2012 (Law 148 (I)/2012).

4. The text of the above EU Directive is available on the European Union website at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu>.
5. A consolidated translation into English language text of **Law 57(I)/2002 as amended** will soon be available on the Shipping Deputy Ministry's website at www.shipping.gov.cy (selecting Legislation/Consolidated Cyprus Shipping Legislation/National Instruments).

The recipients of this Circular should strictly abide by the above new Law and Order.



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 - Attorney General of the Republic
 - Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - Maritime Offices of the Department of Merchant Shipping abroad
 - Diplomatic Missions and Honorary Consular Officers of the Republic
 - Cyprus Shipping Chamber
 - Cyprus Union of Shipowners
 - Cyprus Bar Association

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