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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: The Merchant Shipping (Implementation of European Union Decisions and Regulations on Certain Matters of Maritime Transport) Law (Law 81(I)/2023) and relevant Order of 2023 (P.I. 274/2023)

You are hereby informed of the enactment of the Merchant Shipping (Implementation of European Union Decisions and Regulations on Certain Matters of Maritime Transport) Law of 2023 (**Law 81(I)/2023**¹).

2. Law 81(I)/2023 establishes a specific national legislative framework for the more effective implementation of the existing and future EU Decisions and EU Regulations related to certain matters of maritime transport, i.e. essentially concerning directly effective EU Instruments on maritime safety and the protection of the environment.

3. The **European Union acts** (EU Decisions and EU Regulations) **falling within the scope** of Law 81(I)/2023 have been **determined** by virtue of **Order P.I. 274/2023**² issued by the Minister of Transport, Communications and Works by virtue of section 23 of said Law. Order P.I. 274/2023 further determines the provisions of EU Decisions and EU Regulations, the contravention of which, is subject to **an administrative fine**.

4. The Shipping Deputy Ministry has prepared an unofficial translation in the English language of both Law 81(I)/2023 and Order P.I. 274/2023 which are obtainable from the SDM website³.

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¹ This Law was published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Cyprus No. 4956, Supplement I(I), dated 26 July 2023.

² The Merchant Shipping (Implementation of European Union Decisions and Regulations on Certain Matters of Maritime Transport) Order of 2023 (P.I. 274/2023, Gazette No. 5820, Supplement III(I), dated 8.9.2023).

³ <https://www.dms.gov.cy/dms/shipping.nsf/All/823E05673A4FCEA6C225833D002B8B2A?OpenDocument>



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- Maritime Offices of the Shipping Deputy Ministry abroad
- General Manager, Cyprus Ports Authorities
- Recognised Organisations
- Cyprus Shipping Chamber
- Cyprus Union of Shipowners
- Cyprus Shipping Association
- Cyprus Bar Association

