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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 & ILO International Conventions and Instruments: October 2020-January 2021

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 October 2020	MARPOL amendments	Use Of Electronic Record Books MARPOL Amendments allowing the use of electronic record books for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Annex I - Oil Record Book Part I – Machinery space operations and Oil Record Book Part II – Cargo/ballast operations;▪ Annex II - Cargo Record Book;▪ Annex VI for records relating to Regulation 12 – Ozone-depleting substances, Regulation 13 – Nitrogen oxides (NOX) and Regulation 14 – Sulphur oxides (SOX) and particulate matter; and▪ Annex V - Garbage Record Book. IMO Resolutions: Resolution MEPC.314(74) and Resolution MEPC.317(74) adopted on 17 May 2019.
1 October 2020	MARPOL amendments	EEDI Regulations For Ice-Strengthened Ships Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI, relating to the Energy



	Annex IV	<p>Efficiency Design Index (EEDI) regulations for ice-strengthened ships, replacing the words "cargo ships having ice-breaking capability" with "category A ships as defined in the Polar Code".</p> <p>IMO Resolution: Resolution MSC.316(74) adopted on 17 May 2019.</p>
26 December 2020	<p>MLC Amendments</p> <p>MLC Code</p>	<p>Seafarers rights: Piracy & Armed Robbery</p> <p>Amendments of 2018 to the Code of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC, 2006) providing for seafarers to continue to receive wages and other entitlements if held captive as a result of piracy or armed robbery against ships.</p> <p>Approved by the International Labour Conference at its 107th Session on 5.06.2018.</p>
1 January 2021	<p>MARPOL amendments</p> <p>Annex II</p>	<p>Cargo Residues And Tank Washings Of Persistent Floating Noxious Liquid Substances</p> <p>Amendments to MARPOL Annex II to strengthen, in specified sea areas, discharge requirements for cargo residues and tank washings containing persistent floating products with a high-viscosity and/or a high melting point that can solidify under certain conditions (e.g. certain vegetable oils and paraffin-like cargoes), following concerns about the environmental impact of permissible discharges.</p> <p>The amendments add new paragraphs to MARPOL Annex II Regulation 13 – Control of discharges of residues of noxious liquid substances, to require prewash and discharge of residue/water mixture generated during the prewash to a reception facility, for specific products, in specified areas (North West European waters, Baltic Sea area, Western European waters and Norwegian Sea).</p> <p>IMO Resolution: Resolution MEPC 315(74) adopted on 17 May 2019.</p>
1 January 2021	<p>SOLAS amendments</p> <p>IBC Code, IMSBC Code, ESP Code</p>	<p>IBC Code, IMSBC Code, ESP Code</p> <p><u><i>International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code)</i></u></p> <p>A comprehensive set of amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code), including the revised chapters 17 (Summary of minimum requirements), 18 (List of products to which the code does not apply), 19 (Index of Products Carried in Bulk) and 21 (Criteria for assigning carriage requirements for products subject to the IBC Code).</p>

		<p>IMO Resolution: Resolution MSC 460(101) adopted on 13 June 2019.</p> <p><u><i>International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code</i></u></p> <p>The consolidated edition of the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code), incorporating amendment 05-19. The 2019 amendments include updates to various schedules, such as new individual schedule for BAUXITE FINES as a Group A cargo, as well as editorial amendments. The amendments are incorporated into a consolidated IMSBC Code, to include all amendments to date, since the IMSBC Code was first adopted in 2008.</p> <p>IMO Resolution: Resolution MSC 426(101) adopted on 13 June 2019.</p> <p><u><i>International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections During Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011 (2011 ESP Code)</i></u></p> <p>Amendments to the International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections During Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011 (2011 ESP Code), to update the Code.</p> <p>IMO Resolution: Resolution MSC 461(101) adopted on 13 June 2019.</p>
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