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SHIPPING DEPUTY MINISTRY  
Office of the Permanent Secretary

Circular No .14/2024

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

Certified Private Ship Security Companies

**Subject: The Protection of Cyprus Ships Against Acts of Piracy and other Unlawful Acts Law (Law 77(I) of 2012)<sup>1</sup>**  
**Temporary alteration of the northern limit in the Red Sea of the East Africa and Northwest Indian Ocean High-risk area- Order issued pursuant to sections 71(1)(e) and (f) and 71(2)(a) - Circular issued pursuant to section 71(2)(b)**

I wish to refer to the above subject matter and further to Circulars No. 30/2023 and No. 06/2024 I wish to inform you as follows:

1 In view of the continuation of the attacks of the Houthi forces against ships crossing the Straits of Bab-el-Madeb, it was deemed appropriate to extend the period of the additional provisional specific security measures which were taken<sup>2</sup> for the protection of Cyprus ships pursuant to sections 71(1)(e) and (f) and 71(2)(a) of the Protection of Cyprus Ships Against Acts of Piracy and other Unlawful Acts Law (Law 77(I) of 2012, "the Law").

2 As a result, the Minister of Transport, Communications and Works has issued Order P.I. 114/2024<sup>3</sup> which **amends again on a temporary basis the First Schedule** of the Law as outlined in Circular No. 30/2023.

3 The above-mentioned Order has been issued on 22 March 2024, **entered into force<sup>4</sup> as of 29 March 2024** and shall **remain in force for 6 months** from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic.

4 For further information and requests pursuant to the Law, you may send an email at [maritime.security@dms.gov.cy](mailto:maritime.security@dms.gov.cy).

<sup>1</sup> An unofficial translation of the Law in the English language is available on the SDM website.

<sup>2</sup> Order P.I. 425/2023 and Circular No. 30/2023 are of relevance.

<sup>3</sup> Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 5863 dated 29.03.2024, Supplement III(I).

<sup>4</sup> Section 71(2)(a) of the Law is of relevance.



5 Information regarding EUNAVFOR Operation ASPIDES may be obtained from [https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eunavfor-aspides\\_en](https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eunavfor-aspides_en). It is recalled that EUNAVFOR ASPIDES is an EU military operation contributing to the protection of freedom of navigation, to safeguarding maritime security, especially for merchant and commercial vessels in the Red Sea, the Indian Ocean and the Gulf under the EU Common Security and Defense Policy. Circular No. 06/2024 is of relevance.



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