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

To all Managers of European Union ships based in Cyprus

To all Suppliers/Sellers of marine equipment in Cyprus

Subject: Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1667 of 8 August 2023 laying down rules for the application of Directive 2014/90/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards design, construction and performance requirements and testing standards for marine equipment and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1157 (“Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1667”)

1. The European Commission has adopted on the 8th of August 2023, **Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1667**¹ falling within the scope of application of the **Merchant Shipping (Marine Equipment) Law of 2017 (Law 23(I)/2017)** (“Law”) and of **Directive 2014/90/EU** as amended.²
2. By virtue of Article 1 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1667 the design, construction and performance requirements and the testing standards provided for in the international instruments referred to in the Law and in extent in Article 2(5) of Directive 2014/90/EU shall apply to each item of marine equipment as set out in the Annex therein.
3. Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1667 repeals Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1157.
4. This Regulation allows a **transitional period** during which a new item that is in conformity with the national requirements for type-approval in force in a Member State before the entry into force of this Regulation, can continue to be placed on the market and on board an EU ship.³
5. It is recalled that EU instruments have a direct effect and are binding on shipowners/ship operators, suppliers/sellers of marine equipment and any violation may expose

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32023R1667&qid=1694168753209>

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:02014L0090-20210811&from=EN>

³ Article 3 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1667

them to relevant penalties under the Law or the legislation of any other EU Member State.

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- Cyprus Bar Association