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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 Ro-Ro Passenger Ships and High Speed Passenger Craft  
flying the Cyprus Flag

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

**Subject: Harmonisation with the European Union Directive (EU) 2017/2110:**

- 1) The Merchant Shipping (System of Inspections for the Safe Operation of Ro-Ro Passenger Ships and High-Speed Passenger Craft in Regular Service) Law of 2020 (Law 189(I)/2020).**
- 2) The Merchant Shipping (Port State Control) (Amendment) Law of 2020 (Law 187(I)/2020).**

1. I refer to the above subject and wish to inform you of the enactment of the ***Merchant Shipping (System of Inspections for the Safe Operation of Ro-Ro Passenger Ships and High-Speed Passenger Craft in Regular Service) Law of 2020 (Law 189(I)/2020)***<sup>1</sup> as well as the ***Merchant Shipping (Port State Control) (Amending) Law of 2020 (Law 187(I)/2020)***<sup>2</sup>.
2. New Law **189(I)/2020** aims to transpose into the law of the Republic of Cyprus European Union Directive (EU) 2017/2110<sup>3</sup>, which repeals and replaces Directive 1999/35/EC on the system of inspections for the safe operation of ro-ro passenger ships and high-speed passenger craft in regular service and ensures a high level of safety and compliance through relevant inspections. As a result of the repeal of Directive 1999/35/EC, the Merchant Shipping (Mandatory Surveys for the Safe Operation of Regular Ro-Ro Ferry and High Speed Passenger Craft Services) Laws of 2002 - 2012 (Law 59(I)/2002 as amended) are repealed.

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

<sup>2</sup> Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Cyprus No. 4794, Supplement I(I), dated 17.12.2020.

<sup>3</sup> of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 November 2017 on a system of inspections for the safe operation of ro-ro passenger ships and high-speed passenger craft in regular service and amending Directive 2009/16/EC and repealing Council Directive 1999/35/EC.



3. New **Law 187(I)/2020** amends the existing Merchant Shipping (Port State Control) Laws from 2011 to 2015 (Law 95 (I) / 2011 as amended by Law 155(I)/2015), and aims at transposing into the legal order of the Republic of Cyprus, the amendments introduced by Directive (EU) 2017/2110 to Directive 2009/16/EC. Such amendments seek to avoid unjustified ship detentions or delays in the framework of port State control.
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 95(I)/2011** as amended by **Law 187(I)/2020** and an English translation of new **Law 189(I)/2020** will soon be available on the Shipping Deputy Ministry's website at [www.shipping.gov.cy](http://www.shipping.gov.cy) (selecting Legislation/Consolidated Cyprus Shipping Legislation/National Instruments).

The recipients of this Circular should strictly abide by the above new Laws.



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  - Diplomatic Missions and Honorary Consular Officers of the Republic
  - Cyprus Shipping Chamber
  - Cyprus Union of Shipowners
  - Cyprus Bar Association

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