

CYPRUS MARITIME AWARD

Regulations

A. INTRODUCTION

(1) The Council of Ministers has decided to establish the Cyprus Maritime Award for the purpose of promoting and further developing the Cyprus merchant shipping.

(2) The Award, which will be bestowed in accordance with the current Regulations, will be **one** of the following:

The Cyprus Maritime Personality Award

or

The Cyprus Shipping Industry Award

B. PURPOSES OF THE AWARD AND PROCEDURE

1. The purpose of the establishment of the Cyprus Maritime Award is the recognition of services that have contributed to the development, improvement, advancement and promotion of the Cyprus merchant shipping.
2. The Award will be symbolic and consist of a commemorative trophy and relevant certificate.

The trophy for the Maritime Personality Award, will bear the name “Cyprus Maritime Personality Award”. The name of the winner of the Award, the year of award, a special emblem and the words “Shipping Deputy Ministry – Republic of Cyprus” will be engraved on the trophy.

The trophy for the Shipping Industry Award, will bear the name “Cyprus Shipping Industry Award”. The name of the legal person to whom the Award will be bestowed, the year of award, a special emblem and the words “Shipping Deputy Ministry– Republic of Cyprus” will be engraved on the trophy.

The special emblem is determined by the Shipping Deputy Minister to the President.

3. The Award is bestowed every two years, during the “Maritime Cyprus” Conference by H.E. the President of the Republic of Cyprus, or by the

Shipping Deputy Minister to the President, on behalf of the President of the Republic of Cyprus.

4. The Person who receives the Award is not entitled to be candidate for the immediately subsequent bestowal of the Award.
5. The candidates for the Award, should not have been convicted by final judgement of a Cypriot or foreign court for participation in a criminal organisation or for corruption, fraud , money laundering, neither to have been convicted by a judgment which has the force of *res judicata* of any offence concerning their professional conduct.
6. For the selection of the person to be awarded, the Selection Committee will follow the procedures outlined below for the Criteria of the Selection of the Candidates and the procedure for the Submission of Proposals as indicated below.
7. The work of the Selection Committee is confidential and the decision as to the selection of the Candidate to whom the Award will be bestowed is final and non-contested.
8. The Shipping Deputy Ministry announces the submission of candidacies on a date to be set by the Selection Committee.
9. The Shipping Deputy Ministry has the responsibility to treat all proposals submitted as confidential documents in accordance with the provisions of the relevant legislation in force.
10. In case the Award is bestowed to a legal person, the Award is received by an authorized representative, whose name is disclosed by the legal person to the Shipping Deputy Ministry.
11. Any travelling and / or accommodation costs arising in connection with the receipt of the Award are the responsibility of the successful candidate to be bestowed. In case a natural person is selected and that person is deceased, the aforementioned costs are the responsibility of the family of that person, unless the Shipping Deputy Minister to the President approves otherwise upon recommendation of the Selection Committee.
12. The natural person who is bestowed or receives the Award is exempted from paying any duty or participation fee for the "Maritime Cyprus" Conference, during which that person is bestowed or receives the Award.

C. CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF THE CANDIDATES

C.1 Cyprus Maritime Personality Award

- (1) The Award is bestowed only to **natural persons** of any nationality.
- (2) The candidates for the Award must have shown outstanding contribution of at least five (5) years in total prior to the bestowal of the Award to at least one of the following areas, to one or more of each area's activities:

(1) Advancement and promotion of the Cyprus merchant shipping, as follows:

- Participation in international fora abroad for the promotion of the Cyprus merchant shipping.
- Contribution with specific actions and initiatives to the development of shipping activities in Cyprus.
- Recognition for the personality's performance within the company or organization which is employed or is in charge.

(2) Development (quantitative and qualitative) of the Cyprus shipping, as follows:

- Contribution to the increase of the number of vessels registered in the Cyprus Registry.
- Contribution to the improvement of the safety standards, protection of the environment, and protection from unlawful acts against Cyprus flag vessels (according to the statistics of the Paris, Tokyo and Mediterranean MoUs on port state control and the US Coast Guard as well as the statistics of the inspections carried out by or on behalf of the Shipping Deputy Ministry . Contribution to the establishment of shipping companies that operate in Cyprus.

(3) Loyalty and support to the Cyprus shipping, as follows:

- The number of the Cyprus flag Vessels of his/her company/companies must have been significantly increased over the last five years.
- The management of a significant number of his/her company/companies vessels to be effected from Cyprus.
- His/her activities to be conducted from the territory of the Republic of Cyprus with a constant and continuous growth.

(4) Promotion of Cyprus in International or Regional organizations/ chambers/ unions, as follows:

- To have served as a member or as an official of an international or regional organizations / chambers / unions.
- To have at least 3 participations in international or regional organizations/chambers/ unions, as a national representative supporting the interest of the Cyprus merchant shipping.

(5) Seafarers training and promotion of the shipping professions, as follows:

- Contribution to the education and training of the seafarers onboard Cyprus flag vessels.
- Contribution to the establishment and development of marine schools, training institutions or educational institutions relating to shipping.
- Contribution to the attraction of Cypriots to the shipping/maritime professions.

C.2 Cyprus Shipping Industry Award

(1) The Award is bestowed **to legal persons, only**.

(2) The legal persons candidates for the Award, must have shown outstanding contribution of at least five (5) years in total prior to the bestowal of the Award to at least one of the following areas, to one or more of each area's activities:

(1) Establishment of Cyprus as a Maritime Centre as follows:

- Contribution to the establishment of new shipping companies in Cyprus.
- At least 51% of the shipping activities of the candidate to be conducted from Cyprus.
- To have shown significant and constant growth of shipping activities.

(2) Growth and qualitative improvement of the Cyprus merchant fleet as follows:

- Registration of vessels owned or managed in the Cyprus Registry of Ships.
- The average age of the vessels representing and registered in the Cyprus Registry of Ships, not to exceed 10 years.
- The detention rate due to deficiencies of the Cyprus flag vessels representing, not to exceed one detention for every ten vessels, for the last five years (according to the statistics of the Paris,

Tokyo and Mediterranean MoUs on port state control and the US Coast Guard as well as the statistics of the inspections carried out by or on behalf of the Shipping Deputy Ministry).

(3) Positive contribution to the Cyprus Economy, as follows:

- To employ on average at least 10 employees.
- The employees who have the nationality of a Member State of the European Economic Area (member states of the European Union, Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein) that are employed, not to be less than the 50% of the total number of employees.
- To have set up an office in the territory of the Republic of Cyprus and to use certain services provided within the territory of the Republic (i.e. law firms, auditors, banks etc).

(4) Seafarers training and employment of Cypriot / Community seafarers, as follows:

- Seafarers who have the nationality of a Member State of the European Economic Area (member states of the European Union, Iceland, Norway and Liechtenstein) that are employed onboard the vessels representing or managing, not to be less than 5% of the total number of the crew, manning the fleet.
- Substantial contribution to the education and training of seafarers.

D. SELECTION COMMITTEE

(1) (i) For selection purposes of the person to whom the Award will be bestowed, a Selection Committee is to be established by the Shipping Deputy Minister to the President . The Selection Committee consists of nine **(9)** persons as follows:

- 1 Person appointed by the Shipping Deputy Minister to the President , who will act as Chairman of the Committee.
- 4 Representatives of the Shipping Deputy Ministry.
- 4 Representatives of the Cyprus Shipping Industry.
(2 representatives proposed by the Cyprus Shipping Chamber and 2 representative proposed by the Cyprus Union of Shipowners).

(ii) In case of absence or impediment of any of the Members of the Selection Committee, it is possible for the absent member to be represented , by virtue of written authorization, by his/her substitute.

(2) The Selection Committee (the Committee) will act as follows:

- a) The decisions of the Committee are taken by simple majority. The presence of six members of the Committee will form a quorum. In the event of a tie the Chairman has the casting vote.
 - b) The Committee may select for the Award, natural or legal persons whose candidacy has not been proposed, or may decide not to bestow the Award should the Committee consider that none of the candidates fulfils the necessary criteria.
 - c) The Committee may select for the Cyprus Maritime Personality Award a person posthumously, for substantive and long contribution to the Cyprus merchant shipping.
 - d) The time limitation of an at least five (5) years in total contribution prior to the bestowal of the Award does not apply where the Committee acts in accordance with the provision of paragraph (c) above.
 - e) The Chairman and the members of the Committee are appointed at least three(3) months prior to the bestowal of the Award.
 - f) The Committee, when examining the candidacies for the Awards, will take into consideration the relevant criteria and rules, the interpretation of which is left to its exclusive discretion.
 - g) The Committee prepares and submits to the Shipping Deputy Minister to the President a report of its work. The report includes the reasons for the decision as to the selection of the candidate.
- (3) The Shipping Deputy Ministry designates an officer, who acts as Secretary of the Selection Committee. The officer participates and assists in the work of the Committee without a voting right.

E. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

1. Candidacies for the “Cyprus Maritime Personality Award” must be submitted in accordance with Form A.
2. Candidacies for the “Cyprus Shipping Industry Award” must be submitted in accordance with Form B.
3. Candidacies must be submitted to the Shipping Deputy Ministry , within 30 days from the announcement of the Awards. Each candidacy must be

proposed by at least two natural persons, excluding the proposed person itself and any employees of the proposed person.

It is noted that, active government officials or civil servants are not eligible to be candidates for award.

It is also noted that, the Members of the Selection Committee and the organizations represented by them are not eligible to be candidates for award.

4. Each proposal should be enclosed in a separate envelope bearing on the outside
“PRIVATE – CONFIDENTIAL” – “CANDIDACY FOR THE CYPRUS MARITIME PERSONALITY AWARD”

or

“PRIVATE – CONFIDENTIAL” – “CANDIDACY FOR THE CYPRUS SHIPPING INDUSTRY AWARD”

as the case maybe.

5. The Shipping Deputy Ministry will acknowledge receipt of the proposal within fifteen days (15) of its submission.
6. All information provided will be treated as confidential and will be communicated only to the members of the Selection Committee.