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**DEPARTMENT
OF MERCHANT SHIPPING
LEMESOS**

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To all
Owners, Masters and
Representatives of
Foreign Vessels calling at Cyprus Ports

Cyprus Shipping Association

Subject: Expanded Inspections during Port State Control

I wish to remind you of the reporting obligations of certain categories of ships under the Merchant Shipping (Port State Control) Laws of 2001 – 2004, [Law 47(I)/2001 as amended by Law 27(I)/2004] (herein after referred to as the Laws).

Article 6 of the Laws provides for an expanded inspection for certain categories of ships, 12 months after their last expanded inspection at a port of a member State of the Paris Memorandum of Understanding.

The ships' categories subject to the above mentioned expanded inspections are:

- Oil tankers of 3000 gross tonnage and above of 15 years of age or older;
- Bulk carriers older than 12 years of age;
- Passenger ships older than 15 years of age other than ro-ro ferries;
- Gas and chemical tankers older than 10 years of age.

If the vessel you are representing falls into one of the categories mentioned above you are required to notify the Department of Merchant Shipping (DMS) about its scheduled arrival 3 days in advance or prior its departure from a foreign port if the voyage is less than 3 days. You may use the model letter of Annex I for your convenience for the notifications to the DMS.

The above information was also communicated to all interested parties through our Circulars No. 55/2004, 30/2005 and 4/2007.

Regrettably, very few Masters have followed the instructions to promptly supply the information required by Part B, Fourth Schedule of the Merchant Shipping (Port State Control) First Notification of 2005 (P.I. 256/2005), thus violating the Laws.

I wish to further draw your attention to section 21 of the Laws (the consolidated edition is available on our website) which states that failure to promptly supply the information requested by section 6(3) (a) constitutes a criminal offence. If a person is found guilty, is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two (2) years or to a fine not exceeding five thousand (5000) pounds or to both such sentences.

It is the intent of the Republic of Cyprus, following a notification from the European Commission, to strictly enforce the provisions of the articles of the Laws by prosecuting offenders at the courts the Republic. Therefore Owners, Masters and Representatives of Foreign Vessels calling at Cyprus Ports are urged to strictly abide by the Law in order to avoid prosecutions, penalties and delays.

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Maritime Offices of the Department of Merchant Shipping abroad
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Annex I

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Sir,

Subject: M/V “NAME¹” – Expanded Inspection

In accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Port State Control) First Notification of 2005 (Fourth Schedule, Part B) issued by your Department please note that the above-mentioned vessel is expected to enter the {PORT FACILITY²} on {DATE³} at {TIME⁴}.

The relevant notified information for the vessel is the following:

1. Name.
2. Flag
3. IMO identification number
4. Dead-weight tonnage
5. Date of construction of the ship, as determined on the basis of the date indicated in the ship's safety certificates
6. For tankers:
 - (a) configuration: single hull, single hull with SBT, double hull ;
 - (b) condition of the cargo and ballast tanks: full, empty, inerted;
 - (c) volume and nature of the cargo.
7. Probable time of arrival at the port of destination
8. Planned duration of the call.
9. Planned operations at the port of destination (loading, unloading, other).
10. Planned statutory survey inspections and substantial maintenance and repair work to be carried out whilst in the port of destination.

You may contact the vessel at {TELEPHONE / FAX / EMAIL⁵}

Regards,

Master / Owner's representative⁶

¹ Enter the name of the vessel

² Enter the name of port facility

³ Enter estimated date

⁴ Enter estimated time of entrance into port

⁵ Telephone / Fax / Email of the Master or owner's representative

⁶ Delete as appropriate