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To all Owners, Managers
and Representatives
of Ships under the Cyprus Flag

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Subject: Bilateral Agreement on Merchant Shipping between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt

Further to our Circular No. 3/2007 dated 14 February 2007, I wish to inform you that the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt on Merchant Shipping, which was signed on 26th November 2006, entered into force on 17 July 2007.

The most important provisions of this agreement are the following:

- (a) Each Contracting Party shall afford to vessels of the other Contracting Party the same treatment as it affords to its own vessels engaged in international voyages in respect to free access to ports, use of ports for loading and unloading of cargoes and for embarking and disembarking of passengers. With regard to payment of dues and taxes, any preferential treatment that may be afforded by the one Contracting Party to vessels of a third country, the same treatment will be extended to vessels of the other Contracting Party (Article 5).
- (b) Avoidance of unnecessary delays in ports (Article 6).
- (c) Acceptance of documents on board vessels, including documents relating to the tonnage and crew, issued or recognised by the competent authorities of the other Contracting Party (Article 7).
- (d) During the time a vessel of the one Contracting Party is in a port of the other Contracting Party, each crew member of that vessel shall be permitted shore leave in the territory of the port or the territories of the adjacent municipalities, without visa, provided he is a holder of the relevant identity document and provided that the master has submitted to the appropriate authorities at the port, a crew list on which the crew members appear (Article 9).

(e) Shipowners of each Contracting Party may engage qualified nationals of the other Contracting Party for the safe manning of their vessels (Article 12).

(f) Any dispute arising out of the respective contract of employment between a shipowner of the one Contracting Party and a seaman of the other Contracting Party shall be referred solely to the exclusive jurisdiction of the competent courts or authorities of either Contracting Party (Article 12).

(g) If a vessel of one Contracting Party suffers an accident off the coast of the other Contracting Party, the vessel and its cargo shall enjoy the same benefits and privileges and accept the same liabilities as are accorded to a vessel of that Contracting Party and its cargo (Article 14).

(h) Residents of either Contracting Party who are employed on board vessels of the other Contracting Party should be taxed on income derived from wages or other benefits in respect of paid services rendered, only in the Contracting Party where the vessel is registered and flying its flag (Article 17).

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- Cyprus Union of Shipowners
- PEO Trade Union
- SEK Trade Union
- Cyprus Bar Association

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