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

Subject: Regulation (EC) No 457/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 April 2007 amending Regulation (EC) No 417/2002 on the accelerated phasing-in of double-hull or equivalent design requirements for single-hull oil tankers

I wish to inform you that on 25.04.2007, the European Parliament and the Council adopted Regulation (EC) No 457/2007 amending Regulation (EC) No 417/2002 and draw your attention to the following:

1. Article 1 of Regulation (EC) No 457/2007 in effect provides for the amendment of Article 4 (3) of Regulation (EC) No 417/2002 with the insertion of the following wording:

“No oil tanker carrying heavy grades of oil shall be allowed to fly the flag of a Member State unless such tanker is a double-hull tanker.”

2. The above amendment aims at precluding a Member State of the EU from applying the exceptions from Regulation 13H of Annex 1 of MARPOL 73/78 to a ship flying its flag and operated outside ports or offshore terminals under the jurisdiction of such Member State. Making use of the exceptions from Regulation 13H was previously allowed under Regulation (EC) No 417/2002.
3. It is stressed that the Republic of Cyprus refrained from making use of the exceptions from Regulation 13H and thus the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 417/2002 with respect to Cyprus ships is not altered by amending Regulation (EC) No 457/2007.

4. All parties concerned are hereby requested to comply with the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 417/2002 as amended by Regulation (EC) No 457/2007, taking into account the provisions of relevant Law 121(I)/2004 which contains enforcement measures for ships proven not being in compliance with the provisions of the said Law and of Regulation (EC) No 417/2002 as amended (see our Circular No.34/2004).

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