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DEPARTMENT OF MERCHANT SHIPPING  
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To all Owners, Managers  
and Representatives  
of Ships under the Cyprus Flag

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**Subject: Implementation of EU Harmonising Legislation: The Harmonised Requirements and Procedures for the Safe Loading and Unloading of Bulk Carriers Law of 2004**

1. I refer to the above subject and wish to inform that the *Harmonised Requirements and Procedures for the Safe Loading and Unloading of Bulk Carriers Law of 2004 (Law 28(I)/2004)* was enacted for the purposes of transposing into our national legislation the relevant European Union *Directive 2001/96/EC*.

The text of the above Community Directive is available on the European Union website at <http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/> in "Legislation/ Directory of Community legislation in force in force/ Transport/ Shipping/ Maritime Safety".

2. The *Harmonised Requirements and Procedures for the Safe Loading and Unloading of Bulk Carriers Law of 2004* is now legally in force since the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2004 (date of accession of the Republic of Cyprus to the EU), by virtue of a Decision of the Council of Ministers of the Republic (see P.I. 325/2004, published in the Official Gazette No. 3847, Supplement III (I), dated 30.04.2004).
3. This Law contains enforcement measures providing for penalties against ships that may be identified as not being in compliance with the provisions of the said Law.
4. Further details and requirements with regard to the effective implementation of this harmonising legislation will be communicated to you by a new Circular to be issued in the next few weeks.

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  - Cyprus Shipping Council
  - Cyprus Shipping Association
  - Union of Cypriot Shipowners
  - Cyprus Bar Association
  - Recognised Classification Societies

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