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DEPARTMENT
OF MERCHANT SHIPPING
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To all Registered owners, Registered bareboat charterers
Managers and Representatives of ships flying the Cyprus Flag

To all Owners, Managers, Representatives and Agents in Cyprus of Ships, irrespective of
flag they are flying, calling at Cyprus ports
c/o Cyprus Shipping Chamber
c/o Cyprus Union of Shipowners
c/o Cyprus Shipping Association

Subject: The Safety Zones No. (1) Order of 2017 issued by the Minister of Transport, Communications and Works establishing a safety zone within the Exclusive Economic Zone/ Continental shelf of the Republic of Cyprus

1. I refer to the above subject and I wish to inform you of the issuing by the Minister of Transport, Communications and Works of the *Safety Zones No. (1) Order of 2017*¹ (Order P.I. 224/2017). Said Order has been issued under the *Safety Zones Regulations of 2013* (P.I. 257/2013) and it establishes as of 10 July 2017 a safety zone of 500 metres around the "WEST CAPELLA" platform operating about the geographical point with geographical latitude 33°13'16.324" North and geographical longitude 31° 59'41.030" East².

2. The entry into the aforementioned safety zone by any ship is prohibited unless a ship holds a licence issued by the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works (Regulation 7 of Regulations P.I. 257/2013 is of relevance). Moreover, the **entry into the safety zone** without a licence or in breach of the terms of the licence constitutes a **criminal offence** punishable by a fine up to €15,000 (fifteen thousand euro) and/ or imprisonment for a term of 1 (one) year (Regulation 10 of Regulations P.I. 257/2013 is of relevance).

3. Our Department has prepared an unofficial translation of the *Safety Zones No. (1) Order of 2017* in the English language which can be downloaded from the Department's website, selecting "Legislation and Circulars/ Consolidated Cyprus Shipping Legislation/ National Instruments" from the homepage menu.

¹ published in the Official Gazette of the Republic no.5025, dated 30.06.2017, Supplement III(I).

² These geographical coordinates are determined with reference to the 1984 *World Geodetic System*.



4. Our Department may be contacted for any further information with respect to applications for the use/ entry into the safety zone established by virtue of the *Safety Zones No. (1) Order of 2017*.



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