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To all Owners, Managers  
and Representatives of  
Ships registered in Cyprus

**Subject: CONCENTRATED INSPECTION CAMPAIGN (CIC) ON RADIO  
DISTRESS AND SAFETY SYSTEMS**

The Maritime Authorities of the Paris Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control (PSC) will carry out a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) with the purpose to ensure that the ship's radio station complies with the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS). This will also include verification that radio operators are able to demonstrate that the station is in a satisfactory working condition and is used for its intended purpose.

This CIC will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005 and will last for 3 months, concluding on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2005.

For this purpose, port State control officers (PSCO) will apply a questionnaire listing 15 questions in total.

Some examples (as applicable) of the 15 items that will be inspected during the CIC on GMDSS include:

- Is the fitted equipment complying with the Record of Equipment?
- Are MMSI and other radio/EPIRB codes programmed and conform the ship's documents?
- Are ship's operators able to use the GMDSS equipment?
- Is the SART capable of transmitting signals?
- Is the required GMDSS INMARSAT installation capable of transmitting and receiving distress and safety alerts and distress and safety traffic?

- Is the condition of the radio reserve source of energy (including charger unit) satisfactory?

In case deficiencies are found in the GMDSS area on board, the PSCO will have “clear grounds for a more detailed inspection” and additional items in the GMDSS (and other areas) could be subject to verification.

For more information you may visit the Paris MOU website:  
[www.parismou.org](http://www.parismou.org)

Owners and Managers are urged to take all appropriate actions to avoid unnecessary detentions of their ships.

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