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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

Subject: Entry into force of amendments to IMO International Conventions and Instruments: January-March 2020

I refer to the above subject and I wish to inform you of the forthcoming entry into force of amendments to International Conventions and Instruments as shown in below **Table**:

Date of entry into force	International Convention/ Instrument	Description
1 January 2020	MARPOL Annex VI	0.50% SULPHUR LIMIT: The global limit for sulphur in fuel oil used on board ships of 0.50% m/m (mass by mass) enters into effect from 1 January 2020. IMO Resolution: Resolution MEPC.280(70) adopted on 28 October 2016.
1 January 2020	SOLAS amendments & amendments to Codes	Amendments adopted by MSC 97 on 25 November 2016: (i) Amendments to SOLAS regulation II-1/3-12 on protection against noise, regulations II-2/1 and II-2/10 on firefighting and new regulation XI-1/2-1 on harmonization of survey periods of cargo ships not subject to the ESP Code. IMO Resolution: Resolution MSC.409(97). (ii) Amendments to the 2008 International Code on Intact Stability (IS Code), relating to ships engaged in anchor handling operations and to ships engaged in lifting and towing operations, including escort towing. IMO Resolutions: Resolutions MSC.413(97), MSC.414(97) MSC.415(97).



		<p>(iii) Amendments to the International Code for Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code), clarifying the distribution of crew in public spaces for the calculation of stairways width.</p> <p>IMO Resolution: Resolution MSC.410(97).</p> <p>(iv) Amendments to the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code), aligning the wheelhouse window fire-rating requirements in the IGC Code with those in SOLAS chapter II-2.</p> <p>IMO Resolution: Resolution MSC.411(97).</p> <p>Amendments adopted by MSC 98 on 15 June 2017- IMO Resolution MSC.421(98):</p> <p>(i) A set of amendments to SOLAS chapter II-1 relating to subdivision and damage stability. The amendments were developed following a substantive review of SOLAS chapter II-1, focusing in particular on new passenger ships.</p> <p>(ii) Amendments to SOLAS regulation II-2/3.56, relating to the definition of vehicle carrier and draft new SOLAS regulation II-2/20.2 on fire safety requirements for cargo spaces containing vehicles with fuel in their tanks for their own propulsion, specifically vehicles which do not use their own propulsion within the cargo space.</p> <p>(iii) Amendments to SOLAS regulation II-2/9.4.1.3 to clarify the requirements for fire integrity of windows on passenger ships carrying not more than 36 passengers and on special purpose ships with more than 60 (but no more than 240) persons on board.</p> <p>(iv) Amendments to SOLAS regulations III/1.4, III/30 and III/37 on damage control drills for passenger ships, to require damage control drills to take place on all passenger ships from 2020.</p> <p>Amendments adopted by MSC 99 on 24 May 2018:</p> <p>(i) Amendments to SOLAS regulations II-1/1 and II-1/8-1, concerning computerized stability support for the master in case of flooding for existing passenger ships.</p> <p>IMO Resolution: Resolution MSC.436(99).</p> <p>(ii) Amendments to chapter IV of SOLAS, and the appendix to the annex to the 1974 SOLAS Convention, replacing all references to "Inmarsat" with references to a "recognized mobile satellite service" and consequential amendments to the International Code of Safety for High speed Craft, 1994 (1994 HSC Code), the International Code of Safety for High-speed Craft, 2000 (2000 HSC Code) and the Code of Safety for Special Purpose Ships, 2008 (2008 SPS Code).</p> <p>IMO Resolutions: Resolutions MSC.436(99), MSC.438(99),</p>
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		<p>MSC.439(99) and MSC.445(99).</p> <p>(iii) Amendments to update the IMDG Code (Amendment 39-18) in line with the latest recommendations from the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, including new provisions regarding IMO type 9 tank, a set of new abbreviations for segregation groups and special provisions for carriage of lithium batteries and of vehicles powered by flammable liquid or gas.</p> <p>IMO Resolution: Resolution MSC.442(99).</p> <p>(iv) Amendments to annex 3 to the International Code for the Application of Fire Test Procedures, 2010 (2010 FTP Code), concerning fire protection materials and required approval test methods for passenger ships and high speed craft.</p> <p>IMO Resolution: Resolution MSC.437(99).</p> <p>(v) Amendments to the model forms of the Certificates of Fitness, clarifying the requirement for an approved loading and stability manual/booklet to be supplied to the ship, under the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code), International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (IGC Code), Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (BCH Code), Code for Existing Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (EGC Code), and the Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (GC Code).</p> <p>IMO Resolutions: Resolutions MSC.440(99), MSC.441(99), MSC.446(99) and MSC.447(99).</p>
1 March 2020	<p>MARPOL Annex VI amendments</p>	<p>Carriage ban on non-compliant fuel oil: The amendment prohibits the carriage of non-compliant fuel oil for combustion purposes for propulsion or operation on board a ship - unless the ship has an exhaust gas cleaning system ("scrubber") fitted, if accepted by the flag State as an alternative means to meet the sulphur limit requirement.</p> <p>The amendment supports consistent implementation of the 0.50% limit on sulphur in ships fuel oil. The 0.50% limit on sulphur in ships' fuel oil is in force from 1 January 2020.</p> <p>IMO Resolution: Resolution MEPC.305(73) adopted on 26 October 2018.</p>



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