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To all Registered owners, Registered bareboat charterers
Managers and Representatives of ships flying the Cyprus Flag
and Recognised Organisations

**Subject: Harmonisation with the European Union Directive 2009/15/EC:
The Merchant Shipping (Recognition and Authorisation of
Organisations) Order of 2012 (P.I. 252/2012).**

1. I refer to the above subject and wish to inform you that the Minister of Communications and Works of the Republic of Cyprus, in exercising his powers under sections 2(1) and 14 of the Merchant Shipping (Recognition and Authorisation of Organisations) Law of 2011 (Law 128(I)/2011)¹ (Law 128(I)/2011), issued the Merchant Shipping (Recognition and Authorisation of Organisations) Order of 2012, P.I.252/2012².
2. The said new Order provides for the definition of the relevant International Conventions coming under the scope of application of the new Law, namely:
 - (a) *the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea of 1974 (SOLAS 74);*
 - (b) *the International Load Lines Convention of 1966 (LL Convention 66);*
 - (c) *the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships of 1973 and the 1978 Protocol thereto (MARPOL Convention 73/78);*
 - (d) *the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships of 1969 (ITC Convention 69);*
 - (e) *the Special Trade Passenger Ships Agreement 1971 (STP 71), and the Protocol on Space Requirements for Special Trade Passenger Ships 1973 (SPACE STP 73);*
 - (f) *the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships of 2001 (ANTI-FOULING Convention);*
 - (g) *the Maritime Labour Convention of 2006 (MLC 2006);*

¹ Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Cyprus No. 4296, Supplement I(I), dated 07.10.2011;

² Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4578, Supplement III (I), dated 06.07.2012.



(h) the Accommodation of Crews Convention of 1946 (ILO no. 92);

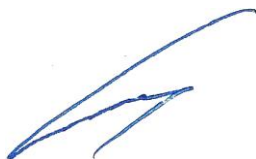
(i) the Accommodation of Crews (Supplementary Provisions) Convention of 1970 (ILO no. 133); and

(j) Convention no. 147 of the International Labour Organisation on Merchant Shipping (Minimum Standards) Convention of 1976 (ILO Convention no. 147).

The above term “International Conventions” includes the relevant to these International Conventions, Protocols and relevant Codes, Standards, Decisions, Recommendations or Guidelines in their up-to-date version.

3. Finally, Order P.I. 252/2012 repeals previous Order P.I. 451/2011. In relation to previous Order, new Order P.I. 252/2012 adds in the list of Conventions the ILO instruments, namely MLC 2006, ILO no. 92, ILO no. 133 and ILO Convention no. 147 (the respective instruments referred to in subparagraphs (g) to (j) above).

The Registered Owners, Registered bareboat charterers, the Managers and Representatives of Cyprus Ships should strictly abide by the above new Order.



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