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DEPARTMENT
OF MERCHANT SHIPPING
LEMESOS

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To all Registered Owners, Registered Bareboat Charterers,
Managers and Representatives of Ships flying the Cyprus Flag

Subject: International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, STCW 78, as amended- Security Awareness Training or Security training for Seafarers with Designated Security Duties

I refer to the above subject and further to our Circular No. 19/2007 dated 17th August 2007, Circular No.05/2012 dated 20th January 2012 and Circular No.30/2013 dated 09th December 2013 and taking into consideration the IMO Circular STCW.7/Circ.21 dated 25th February 2014, I wish to inform you that the Department of Merchant Shipping recognizing that seafarers on board Cyprus ships may not yet hold certification in security awareness training or training on designated security duties required by regulation VI/6 of the STCW Convention and section A-VI/6, paragraphs 4 and 6 of the STCW Code, has decided the following:

1. until 1 January 2015, in cases where a seafarer on board Cyprus flagged ships does not hold certification in security awareness training or training on designated security duties, in accordance with regulation VI/6 of the STCW Convention and section A-VI/6, paragraphs 4 and 6 of the STCW Code, to accept compliance with section 13 of the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code.
2. no contract will be offered to a seafarer for service on board a Cyprus flagged ship with termination date beyond 1st of July 2015 if he/she does not hold one of the above mentioned certificates as required by his/her appointment on board.
3. The present Circular amends paragraph 4 of DMS Circular No.30/2013.



The Seafarers' Division of the Department will be at the disposal of Owners, Managers and anyone concerned with the matter for any explanations and clarifications they may require.

This Circular must be placed on board vessels flying the Cyprus flag.



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