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To all Owners, Managers
and Representatives of Ships
under the Cyprus Flag

Subject: Use of WGS-84 datum Charts instead of Tokyo datum Charts

I refer to the above subject and wish to inform you that on and after 01.04.2002 all nautical charts issued by the Hydrographic Department of Japan concerning waters around Japan will solely refer to geodetic datum WGS-84 instead of the Tokyo datum

All nautical charts issued by the Hydrographic Department of Japan will be cancelled by 31 March 31st 2002.

The attached letter is self explanatory. Therefore, please instruct the masters of your ships accordingly to avoid any delays resulting from Port State Control inspections.

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Subject: Use of WGS-84 datum charts instead of Tokyo datum charts

Recently, the Hydrographic Department has announced that:

● On and after April 1, 2002, all nautical charts issued by the Hydrographic Department of Japan covering waters around Japan will solely refer to the geodetic datum WGS-84. (See the internet site : www1.kaiho.mlit.go.jp)

● All nautical charts referring to the Tokyo Datum will be cancelled by March 31, 2002.

● Because a GPS, which bases on WGS-84, is rapidly becoming very popular and is to be installed on board all ships from July 1, 2002 and Tokyo datum is some 500 meters away from WGS-84 datum.

● How to identify Tokyo datum charts or WGS-84 datum charts?

The chart number of WGS-84 datum charts is prefixed with W, i.e W1840; however, the chart number of Tokyo datum charts is not prefixed with any letter.

In this regard, all shipowners, in order to avoid any possible detention of their ships by PSC, are kindly advised to replace all Tokyo datum charts on board their ships with WGS-84 datum charts as soon as possible.

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