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TO ALL OWNERS,
MANAGERS AND REPRESENTATIVES
OF SHIPS UNDER THE CYPRUS FLAG

Subject: SEAFARERS TRAVELLING TO CANADA TO JOIN SHIPS AS CREW MEMBERS

I wish to inform you that on 9 June 2003, the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration of Canada announced a new security enhancement measure for Canada. As from 11 June 2003, international seafarers travelling to Canada to join ships as crew members will require a valid passport for entry as well as a seafarer's identity document. They will also require a temporary resident visa, unless they are citizens of a country that is exempt from the requirement.

Previously, seafarers were only required to present the seafarer's identity document (Seaman's Book) to enter Canada.

A list of visa-exempt countries and information for obtaining a temporary resident visa can be found on the Website of the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration of Canada at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/index.html>

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