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

Subject: Implementation of EU Harmonising Legislation: The Merchant Shipping(Safe Manning, Hours of Work and Watchkeeping) (Amendment) Law of 2004 (Law 162(I) /2004).

1. I wish to inform you that the *Merchant Shipping(Safe Manning, Hours of Work and Watchkeeping) (Amendment) Law of 2004 (Law 162(I) /2004)* was enacted for the purpose of the better transposition into our national legislation of Directive 2001/25/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4th April 2001, on the minimum level of training of seafarers.

The text of the above Community Directive is available on the European Union website at <http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/> in "Legislation/ Directory of Community legislation in force/ Transport Policy /Shipping/ Safety at Sea.

2. The above mentioned law entered into force on the 1st of May 2004 .(date of accession of the Republic of Cyprus to the EU).

The purpose of Law 162(I)/2004 is the harmonisation with articles 17(a-e) , 20(1-3) and 21(a) and (e) of Directive 2001/25/EC and the introduction of provisions regarding the common language or working language on board the ship, Port State Control procedures and grounds for detention.

Law 162(I)/2004 amends sections 2,14 and 36 of the Merchant Shipping (*Safe Manning, Hours of Work and Watchkeeping*) Law of 2000 (Law 105 (I) /2000).

3. Further details and requirements with regard to the effective implementation of the harmonising legislation will be communicated to you by a new Circular to be issued in the near future.

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-Union of European Shipowners with Cyprus Flag Ships
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