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

**Subject: Green Paper on a Future Maritime Policy for the European Union**

I wish to inform you that on 7 June 2006, the European Commission adopted a Green Paper launching a debate on the formation of a future Maritime Policy for the EU covering areas of maritime transport, industry, coastal regions, offshore energy, fisheries, the marine environment, maritime heritage and other relevant areas. The full text of the Green Paper can be found at [http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/policy\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/policy_en.html).

In this respect, our Department will organise a workshop on the Green Paper to be held on 28 September 2006. The main speaker of the workshop will be Mr John Richardson, Head of the Maritime Policy Task Force of the European Commission, whereas invitations to this workshop will be sent in due course.

You may contribute to the consultation process by submitting any comments that you may have on the Green Paper to the European Commission by 30 June 2007. The results of the consultation process will be evaluated by the European Commission and presented before the European Parliament and Council by the end of year 2007.

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