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

American Bureau of Shipping
Bureau Veritas
China Classification Society
Det Norske Veritas
Germanischer Lloyd
Hellenic Register of Shipping
Korean Register of Shipping
Lloyd's Register of Shipping
Nippon Kaiji Kyokai
Rusian maritime Register of Shipping
Registro Italiano Navale

Subject: Acceptance of the use of ECDIS as meeting the Nautical Charts and Nautical Publications carriage requirements

I wish to inform you that the Department of Merchant Shipping (DMS), has decided to accept the use of Electronic Charts & Display Information Systems (ECDIS) on Cyprus Flag ships including high speed craft (HSC) as meeting the nautical charts and nautical publications carriage requirements stipulated in Regulation V/19.2.1.4 and V/27 of SOLAS 74 as amended, under the following conditions:

1. ECDIS must be type approved in accordance with the requirements of the IMO Resolution A.817(19), "Performance Standards for ECDIS" and must be operated with up-to-date official Electronic Nautical Charts(ENCs).
2. Ships sailing in waters not covered by ENCs must be provided with an appropriate up-to-date folio of paper nautical charts
3. For back up purposes, the ship must be provided either with a secondary type approved ECDIS in accordance with the requirements of the MSC Resolution 64(67), "Back-up arrangements for ECDIS" or with a full folio of up-to-date nautical paper charts for the intended voyage.

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4. All officers on watch must be familiar with the operation of the ECDIS on board the ship.

This Circular must be placed on board ships flying the Cyprus Flag.

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