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To all Registered Owners, Registered bareboat charterers
Managers and Representatives of Ships
flying the Cyprus flag and of foreign flags operating in Cyprus ports

Recognized Organizations

Subject: New MARPOL requirements entering into force on 1 January 2013

I refer to the above subject and wish to inform you that the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) at its sixty-second session in July 2011 adopted the following new MARPOL requirements, which will enter into force on 1 January 2013.

1. Resolution MEPC.200(62) – MARPOL Annex IV (Sewage)

The amendment, adopted under resolution MEPC.200(62) designates the Baltic Sea as a special area under Annex IV and adds new discharge requirements for passenger ships while in a special area.

In effect to the above, subject to the provisions of regulation 3 of this Annex, the discharge of sewage from *a passenger ship within a special area* shall be prohibited:

- a) for *new passenger ships on, or after 1 January 2016*, subject to regulation MARPOL IV/12*bis*, subparagraph 2; and
- b) for *existing passenger ships on, or after 1 January 2018*, subject to regulation MARPOL IV/12*bis*, subparagraph 2, except when the ship has in operation an approved sewage treatment plant which has been certified by the Administration to meet the operational requirements referred to in regulation 9.2.1 of this Annex, and the effluent shall not produce visible floating solids nor cause discoloration of the surrounding water.

A new guideline adopted under *Resolution MEPC.227(64) “2012 Guidelines on implementation of effluent standards and performance tests for sewage treatment plants”*, amending the *“MEPC.159(55) - Revised Guidelines on implementation of effluent standards and performance tests for sewage treatment plants”*, will become applicable on or after 1 January 2016. According to the new guideline, sewage treatment plants installed prior to 1 January 2016 and on or after 1 January 2010, on ships other than passenger ships operating in MARPOL Annex IV special areas



and intending to discharge treated sewage effluent into the sea, should comply with resolution MEPC.159(55).

2. Resolution MEPC.201(62) - Revised Annex V (Garbage)

The MEPC adopted the revised MARPOL Annex V Regulations for the prevention of pollution by garbage from ships under resolution MEPC.201(62). The revised Annex V prohibits the discharge of all garbage into the sea, except as provided otherwise. A simplified overview of the revised MARPOL Annex V discharge provisions can be accessed under:

<http://www.imo.org/OurWork/Environment/PollutionPrevention/Garbage/Documents/Annex%20V%20discharge%20requirements%20for%20website%203.pdf>

Additional relevant MEPC implementation guidelines were also adopted:

Resolution MEPC.219(63) - 2012 Guidelines for the implementation of MARPOL Annex V

Resolution MEPC.220(63) - 2012 Guidelines for the development of Garbage Management Plans

3. Resolution MEPC.202(62) – Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI (Air Pollution)

Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI were adopted under Resolution MEPC.202(62) have designated the United States Caribbean Sea Emission Control Area and introduced exemptions for certain ships operating in the North American Emission Control Area and the United States Caribbean Sea Emission Control Area under regulations 13 and 14 and Appendix VII of MARPOL Annex VI.

4. Resolution MEPC.203(62) - New MARPOL Annex VI – Chapter 4 on Regulations on Energy Efficiency from ships

Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI were adopted under Resolution MEPC.203(62) adding a new chapter 4 to Annex VI on regulations on energy efficiency for ships to make mandatory the *Energy Efficiency Design Index (EEDI)* for new ships, and the *Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan (SEEMP)* for all ships. *The regulations apply to all ships of 400 gross tonnage and above.*

Additional and more detailed information on the implementation of the new MARPOL Annex VI can be found in DMS Circular No. 66/2012.

IMO - MEPC Resolutions referred in this Circular may be accessed under:

<http://www.imo.org/KnowledgeCentre/HowAndWhereToFindIMOInformation/IndexofIMOResolutions/Pages/Default.aspx>

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The Masters, Owners, Managers and Representatives of ships flying the Cyprus flag and of foreign flag ships entering into Cyprus ports are advised to abide strictly by the new amendments.



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