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To all Owners, Managers and Representatives of  
Ships under the Cyprus Flag  
To all Owners, Managers and Representatives of  
Ships under Foreign Flag when they sail into  
Cyprus ports or when they are within the  
territorial waters of the Republic of Cyprus

**Subject: MARPOL Annex V (Regulations for the Prevention of Pollution by Garbage from Ships) – Discharge Requirements for Special Areas – effective date**

With reference to Resolution MEPC .172(57) adopted on 4 April 2008, we wish to advise you that the discharge requirements for the Mediterranean Sea as per Regulation 5(1)(a) of Annex V of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as amended by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78), shall take effect on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009.

Consequently, for all ships, as from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009, disposal into the Mediterranean Sea of the following is strictly prohibited: all plastics, including but not limited to synthetic ropes, synthetic fishing nets and plastic garbage bags and all other garbage including paper products, rags, glass metal, bottles, crockery, dunnage, lining and packing materials.

More specifically and according to the provisions of Law No. 57(I)/1989 as amended, the discharge from ships into the ports, the coast and the territorial waters of the Republic of Cyprus of any kind of waste, sewage and refuse from which pollution may result is prohibited, including the discharge of any ship-generated waste and cargo residues for which an obligation exists to deliver them to reception facilities.

To this effect, the Owners, Masters, Managers and Representatives of ships under the Cyprus flag and of foreign ships of all flags calling at Cyprus ports or transiting the territorial waters of the Republic of Cyprus, are hereby urged to comply diligently with all provisions of Law 57(I)/1989.

Cyprus flagged vessels navigating in the Mediterranean Sea are requested to follow the discharge provisions of Annex V as from today.

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