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All Owners, Managers and Representatives
of Ships under the Cyprus Flag

Members of the Cyprus Shipping Chamber c/o CSC

Members of the Cyprus Union of Shipowners c/o CUS

Subject: Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of Georgia on Merchant Shipping

I wish to refer to the above subject and to inform you that an Agreement on Merchant Shipping between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of Georgia was signed in Tbilisi on 5th February 2014. This agreement was published in the Official Gazette No.4176, Supplement VII, dated 5th March 2014.

The most important provisions of this agreement are the following:

(a) Each Contracting Party shall afford to vessels of the other Contracting Party the same treatment as it affords to its own vessels engaged in international voyages in respect of free access to ports, use of ports for loading and unloading of cargoes and for embarking and disembarking passengers, payment of dues and taxes based on the tonnage or otherwise, in accordance with the national legislation, exercising normal commercial operations and use of services related to navigation (Article 4).

(b) Vessels of the one Contracting Party may be registered in parallel for a specified period of time in the register of ships of the other Contracting Party and fly that Party's flag, provided that the vessel is bareboat chartered by a national of the other Contracting Party or by a corporation registered therein being qualified to own a vessel flying its flag (Article 5).

(c) The Contracting Parties shall recognise the identity documents issued by the competent authorities of the other Contracting Party to members of the crew who are nationals of that Contracting Party (Article 9).

(d) Holders of the seafarer's identity documents specified in Article 9 of the Agreement, being members of the crew, as well as the members of their families, embarked on the same vessel, are permitted to stay for temporary shore leave, without visa, during the stay of the vessel in a port of the other Contracting Party,



provided the Master of the vessel has submitted the list of persons on board the vessel to the appropriate authorities, in accordance with the national legislation in force in that port (Article 10).

(e) For the safe manning of merchant vessels of the one Contracting Party with qualified personnel, its shipowners may engage, in accordance with its relevant legislation in force, qualified nationals, of the other Contracting Party (Article 13).

(f) If a vessel of the one Contracting Party is shipwrecked, runs aground, is cast ashore or suffers any other accident off the coast in the territorial sea of the other Contracting Party, the vessel and the cargo shall enjoy in the territory of the latter Party the same benefits and privileges and accept the same liabilities as are accorded to a vessel of that Contracting Party and its cargo (Article 16).

(e) Shipping companies of either Contracting Party shall have the right to use income and other revenue obtained in freely convertible currency within the territory of the other Contracting Party and deriving from maritime transport operations, for the purpose of making payments in the territory of that Contracting Party. Any surpluses, after settlement of all amounts due locally, including tax, if any, are remittable abroad (Article 18).

The above Agreement entered into force on 24th May 2014.



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