MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS DEPARTMENT OF MERCHANT SHIPPING LEMESOS

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

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Subject: <u>Implementation of EU Harmonising Legislation</u>: <u>The Merchant Shipping</u> (Minimum Requirements of Medical Treatment on Board Ships) Law of 2002/ <u>The Merchant Shipping</u> (Masters and Seamen)(Amendment)(No.2)Law of 2002

1. I wish to inform you that the *Merchant Shipping (Minimum Requirements of Medical Treatment on Board Ships) Law of 2002*(Law 175(I)/2002) and *the Merchant Shipping (Masters and Seamen)(Amendment) (No.2)Law of 2002*(Law 233(I)/2002), were enacted for the purposes of transposing into our national legislation the relevant European Union *Directive 92/29/EC*.

The text of the above Community Directive is available on the European Union website at http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/ in "Legislation/ Directory of Community legislation in force/ Freedom of Movement for Workers and Social Policy".

- 2. Both the above mentioned Laws entered into force on the 1st of January 2003
- 3. Law 233(I)/2002 provides for the repeal of sections 57,58 and 62 of the basic Law 46 of 1963, since the said sections were not in compliance with the Directive 92/29/EC. Directive 92/29/EC, has been adopted by Law 175(I)/2002, and therefore the provisions of sections 57, 58 and 62 are now dealt by Law 175(I)/2002.
- 4. Law 175(I)/2002, contains enforcement measures providing for penalties against ships proven as not being in compliance with the relevant provisions of the said Laws.

5. Further details and requirements with regardto the effective implementation of this harmonising legislation will be communicated to you by a new Circular to be issued in the next few weeks.

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