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COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS



DEPARTMENT
OF MERCHANT SHIPPING
LEMESOS

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To all Registered owners, Registered bareboat charterers
Managers and Representatives of ships flying the Cyprus Flag
and Recognised Organisations

To all Managers of European Union ships based in Cyprus

To all Suppliers/Sellers of marine equipment in Cyprus (c/o Associated Members of
Cyprus Shipping Chamber)

**Subject: Transposition of the European Commission Directive (EU) 2015/559 of 9th
April 2015 by:**

- **The Merchant Shipping (Marine Equipment) Order of 2016**
- **The Merchant Shipping (Marine Equipment) Notification of 2016**

1. I refer to the above subject and I wish to inform you that the Minister of Transport, Communications and Works of the Republic of Cyprus, in exercising his powers under section 22(1) as well as under sections 2 and 6(3) of the Merchant Shipping (Marine Equipment) Laws 2002 – 2006 (Law 55(I)/2002 as amended), issued respectively the Merchant Shipping (Marine Equipment) Order of 2016, P.I 92/2016¹ and the Merchant Shipping (Marine Equipment) Notification of 2016, P.I 91/2016².
2. The said new Order and Notification transpose the European Commission Directive (EU) 2015/559 of the 9th April 2015, amending Directive 96/98/EC on Marine Equipment, in the above Law.
3. In transposing the above Directive, Order P.I. 92/2016 substitutes Schedule A of Law 55(I)/2002 as amended, with a New Schedule A identical in text to Annex A of Directive (EU) 2015/559, (available on the European Union website at <http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/>).
4. In addition, the Notification P.I. 91/2016 sets out the equipment to which section 6 (3) of Law 55(I)/2002 as amended, refers to.

¹ published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4934, Supplement III(I), dated 24.3.2016.

² published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4934, Supplement III(I), dated 24.3.2016.



Thus, as a result of the provisions of Article 2 of Directive (EU) 2015/559, equipment listed in Schedule A.1 of the Law as having been transferred from Schedule A.2 of the Law which was manufactured before the 30th April 2016 in conformity with procedures for type-approval already in force before that date within the territory of the Republic of Cyprus, may continue to be placed on the market and on board a Cyprus Ship or a Community ship until the 30th April 2018.

5. According to Directive (EU) 2015/559, its provisions shall be applied by the EU Member States as from the 30th April 2016. Therefore, Order P.I. 92/2016 and Notification P.I. 91/2016 will be implemented by this Administration as from the above date.

All recipients of the present Circular should strictly abide by the above new Order and Notification.



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 - Diplomatic Missions and Honorary Consular Officers of the Republic
 - Cyprus Shipping Chamber
 - Cyprus Union of Shipowners
 - Cyprus Bar Association