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DEPARTMENT
OF MERCHANT SHIPPING
LEMESOS

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Registered owners, Registered bareboat charterers,
Managers, Representatives ,Operators and Masters of ships flying the Cyprus Flag,
Private Ship Security Companies certified by the Republic of Cyprus

Subject: The Protection of Cyprus Ships against Acts of Piracy and Other Unlawful Acts Law of 2012 (Law 77(I)/2012)

I refer to the above subject and this is to advise you that in order to enable this Department respond to all requests submitted for the use of services of private ship security companies (PSSC's) during the forthcoming Christmas and New Year holiday period, it is important that the following instructions and guidelines are communicated to the approved PSSC's and owners/managers of Cyprus flag vessels seeking permission for the use of the services of an approved PSSC for the protection of the ship while transiting via the high risk areas as per the provisions of Law 77(I) of 2012 (the Law).

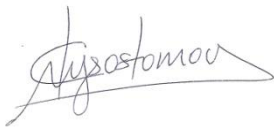
- 1) All applications related to the use of services of an approved PSSC by a Cyprus Ship shall be submitted to this Department not later than **20/12/2013 (12:00 Cyprus time)** for all ship transits for the week 23 – 27 December 2013 and **27/01/2013 (12:00 Cyprus time)** for all ship transits for the week 27 December 2013 to 7 January 2014.
- 2) It is expected that all information submitted shall be in accurate and updated format and that information submitted shall contain no errors of any type, incorrect or invalid data regarding the application submitted.
- 3) All related forms are available on the web page of this Department ([click here](#)) in their updated format. It is expected that the PSSC will make all efforts to ensure that personnel of the operations department are aware of the procedures of this Department as described above.
- 4) The submission of information shall be completed as soon as possible the agreement between the PSSC and manager / owner of the vessel is known.
- 5) Changes to information submitted (such as guard details/fire arms details and passage details) will only be accommodated by this Department on a case -by -

case basis, provided that there will be no conflicts with existing workload and sufficient reasoning is provided by the PSSC.

All applications and requests to be submitted to

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This Circular must be placed on board vessels flying the Cyprus flag and to be kept on file by Private Ship Security Companies certified by this Administration.



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cc: - Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Communications and Works

- Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Maritime Offices of the Department of Merchant Shipping abroad
- Diplomatic Missions and Honorary Consular Offices of the Republic
- Cyprus Shipping Chamber
- Cyprus Union of Shipowners