

REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS

Circular No. 26/2013

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 2012/32/EU of 25th October 2012 by:

- The Merchant Shipping (Marine Equipment) Order of 2013
- The Merchant Shipping (Marine Equipment) Notification of 2013
- I refer to the above subject and I wish to inform you that the Minister of 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 <u>Merchant Shipping (Marine Equipment) Order of 2013, P.I. 366/2013¹ and <u>Merchant Shipping (Marine Equipment) Notification of 2013, P.I. 365/2013².
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- The said new Order and Notification transpose the European Commission Directive 2012/32/EU of the 25th October 2012, amending Directive 96/98/EC on Marine Equipment, in the above Law.
- 3. In transposing the above Directive, Order P.I. 366/2013 substitutes Schedule A of Law 55(I)/2002 as amended, with a New Schedule A identical in text to Annex A of Directive 2012/32/EU, (available on the European Union website at http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/).
- 4. In addition, the Notification P.I. 365/2013 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. 4725, Supplement III(I), dated 18.10.2013[.] ² published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4725, Supplement III(I), dated 18.10.2013.



Thus, as a result of the provisions of Article 2 of Directive 2012/32/EU, 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 November 2013 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 November 2015.

 According to Directive 2012/32/EU, its provisions shall be applied by the Member States as from the <u>30th November 2013</u>. Therefore, Order P.I. 366/2013 and Notification P.I. 365/2013 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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- Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Maritime Offices of the Department of Merchant Shipping abroad
- Diplomatic Missions and Honorary Consular Officers of the Republic
- Cyprus Shipping Chamber
- Cyprus Union of Shipowners
- Cyprus Bar Association

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