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DEPARTMENT OF MERCHANT SHIPPING
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To all Owners, Managers
and Representatives of
Ships under the Cyprus flag

Subject: Protocol of 1997 to Amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 Relating Thereto

I would like to refer to the above subject and inform you the following:

1. The Protocol of 1997 to Amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 Relating Thereto (the Convention), is entering into force on 19th May 2005.
2. The said Protocol introduces Annex VI to the Convention, regulating the prevention and control of air pollution from ships.
3. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus has ratified the 1997 Protocol, by virtue of Ratification Law 46(III)/2004, the implementation of which commences on 19th May 2005, i.e. on the same day of the entry into force and application internationally of the Protocol.
4. The Department of Merchant Shipping, is, therefore, bringing to your attention that all ships entitled to fly the Cyprus flag and required by the said Protocol and Ratification Law 46(III)/2004 to comply with its requirements, must comply not later than the dates explicitly provided by the Protocol.

5. All Classification Societies recognized by Cyprus have been authorized to conduct the necessary surveys under the Protocol and issue the relevant certificates.

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