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

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Subject: Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of Romania on Maritime Transport

Further to our Circular No. TEN 1/5 dated 28 December 1985, I wish to inform you that an Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of Romania on Maritime Transport was signed in Nicosia on 23rd October 2006. This Agreement was published in the Official Gazette No. 4077, Supplement VII, dated 10 January 2007 and an Exchange of Notes between the Contracting Parties relating to a corrigendum of the said Agreement was thereafter published in the Official Gazette No. 4149, Supplement VII, dated 21 October 2011.

The most important provisions of this new Agreement are the following:

- (a) Each Contracting Party shall grant to the vessels of the State of the other Contracting Party, as well as their cargo, when they are within the territorial waters of its State, the same rights as to its own vessels regarding freedom of access to the territorial waters and ports, use of ports for loading and unloading of cargo, embarkation and disembarkation of passengers, access to pilotage services, freedom of access to all port services and port dues and charges (**Article 5**).
- (b) The Contracting Parties shall adopt, within the limits of their respective national laws and regulations, all the appropriate measures to reduce unnecessary delays of vessels in the ports of their States and to simplify, as far as possible, the carrying out of administrative, customs and sanitary formalities applicable in these ports (**Article 6**).
- (c) Vessels of the State of one Contracting Party may be registered under bareboat registration for a specified period of time in the shipping register of the State of the other Contracting Party and fly that State's flag, provided that the vessel is bareboat chartered by a national or by a maritime transport company of the State of the other Contracting Party, registered therein and being qualified to own a vessel flying its State flag (**Article 7**).
- (d) The Contracting Parties shall mutually recognize the identity documents issued by their appropriate authorities to the crew members on board the vessels of their States (**Article 9**).



(e) During the time a vessel of the State of one Contracting Party is in a port of the State of the other Contracting Party, each crew member of that vessel shall be permitted shore leave in the territory of the municipality where the port is situated as well as in its adjacent territories, without visa being required, provided he can show a relevant identity document as specified in Article 9 of the Agreement **(Article 10)**.

(f) For the safe manning of the vessels of the State of either Contracting Party with qualified personnel, maritime transport companies of the State of one Contracting Party may engage, in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations of its State, qualified nationals of the State of the other Contracting Party. The terms of employment of such nationals on vessels of the State of the other Contracting Party shall be approved by the competent authorities of the seamen's country in consultation, where possible, with the national seamen's unions or associations of employment. **(Article 13)**.

(g) If a vessel of the State of one Contracting Party runs aground is cast ashore or suffers any other casualty, in the territorial waters of the State of the other Contracting Party, the vessel and its cargo shall receive the same assistance that is granted to the vessels of the State of the other Contracting Party and their cargo. The crew members and passengers on board the vessel of the State of one Contracting Party, which has suffered a casualty, shall be granted at any time the same assistance as is accorded to the nationals of the State in whose territorial waters the incident occurred **(Article 14)**.

The above Agreement entered into force on 22 July 2011 and as from that date the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania on Maritime Navigation which was signed in 1981, ceased to be in force.



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