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All Registered Owners, Registered Bareboat Charterers, Managers and Representatives of ships flying the Cyprus Flag

All Recognized Organizations (ROs) and Recognized Security Organizations (RSOs)

Subject: Special Measures to Enhance Maritime Security - Amendment of the contact point dedicated to receive ship-to-shore security alerts initiated by a Ship Security Alert System

As per Regulation XI/6.2.1.of SOLAS 74, as amended, the above contact point has been designated in the DMS Circular no. 24/2015.

As of 1st March 2018 the Department of Merchant Shipping is transformed and renamed into Deputy Ministry of Shipping and therefore the contact point dedicated to receive shipto-shore security alerts initiated by a Ship Security Alert System (SSAS) has been amended as follows:

## ssas@dms.gov.cy

The SSAS, when activated in real mode, must transmit a ship to shore security alert to the ship-management company as well as to the Deputy Ministry of Shipping, to the above e-mail address.

In view of the above, the SSAS of all existing and new Cyprus flag ships must be programmed with the correct contact point not later than 30 April 2019.

RSOs / ROs shall verify this at the next security verification (International Ship Security Certificate) or at the next survey of radio installations of cargo ship (Cargo Ship Safety Radio Certificate) or the next survey of passenger ship (Passenger Ship Safety Certificate).

The previous contact point and the new one will continue to operate in parallel until the 30 April 2019, when only the above mentioned e-mail address will remain in operation.



You are urged to proceed expeditiously to ensure full compliance with this requirement in time.

This Circular must be placed on board ships flying the Cyprus Flag.

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