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To all Registered Owners, Registered Bareboat Charterers,
Managers and Representatives of Ships flying the Cyprus Flag

Subject: The Merchant Shipping (Issue and Recognition of Certificates and Marine Training) (Amendment) Law of 2017, (Law 10(I)/2017) - Implementation of relevant EU Legislation and of the STCW Convention as amended

1. I refer to the above subject and further to our Circular No.16/2008 dated 2 September 2008, I wish to inform you of the recent enactment of the *Merchant Shipping (Issue and Recognition of Certificates and Marine Training) (Amendment) Law (Law 10(I)/2017)* published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No.4589, Supplement I (I), dated 17.2.2017, amending the relevant basic Law of 2008, namely the *Merchant Shipping (Issue and Recognition of Certificates and Marine Training) Law of 2008 (Law 27(I)/2008)*

2. *Amendment Law 10(I)/2017* amends the basic Law 27(I)/2008 and aims at:

- i) The transposition into our national legislation part of the provisions of *Directive 2012/35/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21st November 2012, amending Directive 2008/106/EC on the minimum level of training of seafarers*. It should be noted that the great majority of the provisions of *Directive 2012/35/EU* has already been transposed into our national legislation.

The text of the above EU Directive is available on the European Union Website at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu>.

- ii) The effective implementation of the STCW Convention as amended by virtue of the 2010 Manila Amendments (relevant is our Circular No. 34/2016 dated 21 November 2016).


3. Furthermore, Amendment Law 10(I)/2017 provides for the following new Certificates:

- Certificate of Competency of Master for vessels with tonnage up to 500,
- Certificate of Competency of Chief Engineer for vessels with propulsion power up to 750 Kw.
- Certificate of Competency of Electro-Technical Officer.
- Certificate of proficiency for Able Seafarer Deck



- Certificate of proficiency for Able Seafarer Engine
- Certificate of Proficiency for Electro-Technical Rating

4. A consolidated text of basic Law 27(I)/2008 as now amended by Law 10(I)/2017 translated into English will be available on the DMS website in the coming weeks (www.shipping.gov.cy click on Legislation and Circulars / Consolidated Cyprus Shipping Legislation /National Instruments).



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