



**MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS  
DEPARTMENT OF MERCHANT SHIPPING  
LEMESOS**

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

**Subject : Consolidated Basic Cyprus Merchant Shipping Legislation available on the DMS Website- Internet**

1. I refer to the above subject and I wish to inform you that as from September 2004 the full text of the following basic Cyprus Merchant Shipping Legislation as currently in force , is available on our Website :

- *Consolidated English version of the Merchant Shipping (Registration of Ships, Sales and Mortgages) Laws of 1963 to 2004 ;*
- *Consolidated English version of the Merchant Shipping (Masters and Seamen) Laws of 1963 to 2002;*
- *Consolidated English version of the Merchant Shipping (Fees and Taxing Provisions ) Laws of 1992 to 2004;*
- *English version of the Merchant Shipping (Taxation of Shipmanagement Services) Regulations of 2000.*

2. The full text of these instruments is available in Acrobat Reader version at our Website : <http://www.shipping.gov.cy> (see Legislation / Consolidated Cyprus Shipping Legislation ( Full Text) ).

Please note that the consolidation available on our Website is an “unofficial” consolidated translation into English prepared by our Department , and does not intend to replace any translation prepared by the Law Commissioner’s Office of the Republic of Cyprus.

3. It is recalled that the last consolidation in the English language of the basic Merchant Shipping Legislation was effected in April 1996, was published by the Law Commissioner’s Office of the Republic in the form of a booklet (manual ) titled “ Cyprus Merchant Shipping Legislation ” and was made available at the price of 10

Cyprus Pounds ( publication no. AEN (A)-L245) . It was recommended at that time that all ships under the Cyprus flag and their operators be furnished with a copy of the said booklet ( see in this respect my Circulars No. 5/97 dated 27.01.1997, No. 10/97 dated 15.04.1997, and No. 16/97 dated 1.07.1997).

Since then, the basic legislation has been extensively amended ( particularly in view of the EU harmonisation process) and therefore the 1996 consolidation is now obsolete. Consequently, this Circular supersedes my three aforementioned Circulars issued in 1997.

4. Under these developments, it is now highly recommended, for better information and effective implementation of the Cyprus merchant shipping legislation (and particularly for compliance with the ISM Code and STCW requirements ) that all ships under the Cyprus flag and their shipowning/shipmanagement companies be furnished with the latest consolidated copy of the said legislation by retrieving it from our Website.

Great care has been taken in the preparation of the new consolidated legislation available on our Website. Nevertheless, the users of this new consolidated legislation, should bear in mind that the new version may contain certain minor differences in comparison with the 1996 consolidated booklet edition, which were considered necessary for improving the translated text.

Users are also invited to inform the DMS whenever, they discover any kind of errors (eg. translation, typing, or editing errors) in the text of the legislation shown on our Website . In this respect, they are kindly requested to submit their observations /suggestions by e-mail to the following address [legaleu@dms.mcw.gov.cy](mailto:legaleu@dms.mcw.gov.cy)

It is recalled that our Website contains also a *List of all Cyprus Legislation on Merchant Shipping and Related Matters* which is continuously updated.

5. Under the current process of the ISO 9001:2000 certification of our Administration and the upgrading of our services offered to the Cyprus maritime industry, it is our intention to make available and continuously update consolidated shipping legislation in full text version in our website .Therefore, from now on, it is highly recommended that Owners, Managers and Representatives of all ships under the Cyprus flag regularly consult our Website for updating their information /records on Cyprus merchant shipping legislation .

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