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**DEPARTMENT  
 OF MERCHANT SHIPPING  
 LEMESOS**

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

**Subject: International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, STCW 78, as Amended- Issue of Seafarer's Identification and Sea Service Record Books and Endorsements Attesting the Recognition of Non Cyprus Certificate**

I refer to the above subject and further to our circulars No. 14/2001 dated 29 June 2001, 26/2001 dated 19/12/2001, 3/2006 dated 25/01/2006, 18/2006 dated 22/09/2006 and 13/2007 dated 21/05/2007, I wish to inform that the list of Countries whose certificates of competency are presently recognised by the Republic of Cyprus is as follows:

**LIST OF COUNTRIES WHOSE CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY ARE PRESENTLY ACCEPTED FOR THE ISSUE OF ENDORSEMENT ATTESTING THE RECOGNITION OF NON CYPRUS CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY.**

Argentina	Estonia	Israel*	Pakistan	Spain
Australia	Finland	Italy	Peru	Sri Lanka*
Belgium	France	Jamaica	Philippines	Sweden
Brazil	Georgia	Japan*	Poland	Turkey
Bulgaria	Germany	Latvia	Portugal	Ukraine
Canada	Ghana*	Lithuania	Republic of Korea	United Kingdom
Cape Verde*	Greece	Malta	Republic of Montenegro	United States
Chile	Hong Kong	Mexico	Republic of Serbia	Viet Nam
China	Hungary	Morocco*	Romania	
Croatia	Iceland	Myanmar	Russian Federation	
Cuba	India	Netherlands	Singapore	
Czech	Indonesia	New Zealand	Slovakia	
Denmark	Iran	Nigeria*	Slovenia	
Egypt*	Ireland	Norway	South Africa	
* Countries which are in the process of being assessed by the European Commission.				

The Department will be at the disposal of Owners, Managers and anyone concerned with the matter for any explanations and clarifications they may require.

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