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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

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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 Certificates

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 and 18/2006 dated 22/09/2006, I wish to inform you 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	Italy	Peru	Turkey
Australia	Finland	Jamaica	Philippines	Ukraine
Belgium	France	Japan*	Poland	United Kingdom
Brazil	Georgia	Latvia	Portugal	United States
Bulgaria	Germany	Lithuania	Republic of Korea	Viet Nam
Canada	Ghana*	Malta	Romania	Serbia & Montenegro
Cape Verde*	Greece	Mexico	Russian Federation	
Chile	Hong Kong	Morocco*	Singapore	
China	Hungary	Myanmar	Slovakia	
Croatia	Iceland	Netherlands	Slovenia	
Cuba	India	New Zealand	South Africa	
Czech	Indonesia	Nigeria*	Spain	
Denmark	Ireland	Norway	Sri Lanka*	
Egypt*	Israel*	Pakistan	Sweden	

* Countries which are in the process of being assessed by the European Commission.

The certificates of competency issued by Countries which are in the process of being assessed by the European Commission, are accepted, for the time being, for the issue of endorsements attesting the recognition of non Cyprus certificates of competency.

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

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