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All Authorized Classification Societies
All Owners, Managers and Representatives of Ships under the Cyprus Flag
Cyprus Ports Authority

Subject: EU Council Regulation (EC) No. 2978/94 (IMO Resolution A.747 (18)) / Instructions to All Authorised Classification Societies in relation to the issuance of the International Tonnage Certificate (1969)

With reference to the above subject and further to our circular TEN 32/4/10 dated 13th of April 1988 on the Tonnage Measurement of Cyprus ships, I wish to draw your attention to the Council Regulation **(EC) No. 2978/94** which deals with the implementation of the International Maritime Organisation **(IMO) Resolution A.747 (18)** on the application of tonnage measurement of ballast spaces in segregated ballast oil tankers.

The above regulation aims to implement the above resolution adopted by the IMO in 1993, the objective of which is to encourage the use of environmentally friendly tankers and the use of segregated ballast tanks in oil tankers. The regulation introduces a differential calculation system for fees for oil tankers to be followed by port, harbour and pilotage authorities in order to reach the objective of the IMO resolution.

Under the EC treaties, regulations are directly applicable in all the member states without the need for any national implementing legislation. Therefore, I wish to advise all recognised Classification Societies when they issue International Tonnage Certificates (1969) on behalf of the Cyprus Government to oil tankers which qualify, to enter under "Remarks" the following wording:

"The segregated ballast tanks comply with regulation 13 of Annex I of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, and the total tonnage of such tanks exclusively used for the carriage of segregated water ballast is

The reduced gross tonnage which should be used for the calculation of tonnage based fees in accordance with IMO Resolution A.747 (18) adopted on 4th of November 1993 is"

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