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All Owners, Managers and Representatives of Ships under the Cyprus Flag

All Owners, Managers and Representatives of Ships under a foreign flag calling
Cyprus ports (*c/o Cyprus Shipping Association*)

Subject: The Merchant Shipping (Community Vessel Traffic Monitoring and Information System) (Amendment) Law of 2010 (Law 98(I)/2010)- Transposition of Directive 2009/17/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 amending Directive 2002/59/EC establishing a Community vessel traffic monitoring and information system

I refer to the above matter and wish to inform you of the enactment of the Merchant Shipping (Community Vessel Traffic Monitoring and Information System) (Amendment) Law of 2010 (Law 98(I)/2010, Official Gazette No.4256, Supplement I (I), dated 22.10.2010). This Law transposes the European Union Directive 2009/17/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 amending Directive 2002/59/EC establishing a Community vessel traffic monitoring and information system and it enters into force on 30 November 2010.

It is recalled that Directive 2002/59/EC was transposed by the Republic of Cyprus by Law 131(I)/2004¹. Therefore, Law 98(I)/2010 amends the underlying Law 131(I)/2004. A consolidated, translated into English, text of these Laws will be posted on our website within the next few weeks, whereas the text of Directive 2009/17/EC is obtainable from <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/>.

The Owners, Managers and Representatives of ships flying the Cyprus flag and of ships of all flags within the territory of Cyprus, are advised to abide by the provisions of Law 131(I)/2004 as amended by Law 98(I)/2010 and the relevant European Union Directives.

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¹ The Merchant Shipping (Community Vessel Traffic Monitoring and Information System) Law of 2004, Gazette No.3850, Supplement I (I), dated 30.04.2004.

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