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

Subject: Dead stowaways on board Cyprus Ships

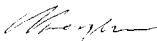
I refer to the above subject and further to my circular No. 10/1996 dated 08.07.1996. I wish to inform you with deep regret that it has been reported to us by the competent authorities of the United Kingdom that recent incidents involved the arrival of dead stowaways at its ports.

It is of great concern to us that these people are dying in appalling conditions the death of whom being consistent with asphyxia due to the effects of heat/fumigation.

The "IMO Guidelines on the Allocation of Responsibilities to Seek the Successful Resolution of Stowaway cases" state inter alia, that:

"Shipowners and their representatives on the spot, the masters, as well as port authorities and national administrations should have security arrangements in place which, as far as practicable, will prevent intending stowaways from getting aboard a ship or, if this fails, will detect them before a ship arrives at port".

We kindly urge you to give the necessary instructions to your ships so that masters and crew make more thorough checks before ship's holds are sealed and fumigated, in order to prevent similar deaths from occurring in the future. Particular attention should be given to ships trading between West African ports and Europe.



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