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To all Registered owners, Registered bareboat charterers
Managers and Representatives of ships flying the Cyprus Flag

To all Owners, Managers, Representatives and
Agents in Cyprus of Ships, irrespective of flag they are flying,
calling at Cyprus ports

**Subject: Entry into force of amendments to IMO International Conventions and Instruments:
April- October 2019**

I wish refer to the above subject and to inform you of the forthcoming entry into force of amendments to International Conventions and Instruments as indicated in the **Table** below:

Date of entry into force	International Convention/ Instrument	Description
8 April 2019	FAL Convention: electronic data exchange	Under the revised Annex to the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic (FAL), from 8 April 2019, it becomes mandatory for ships and ports to exchange FAL data electronically. The revised Convention also encourages the use of the so-called "single window" concept in which all the many agencies and authorities involved exchange data via a single point of contact. IMO Resolution: Resolution FAL.12(40) adopted on 8 April 2016.
1 September 2019	MARPOL Annex VI amendments	Amendment to Regulation 13 - Nitrogen oxides (NOx) to make clearer emission control areas for NOx, by replacing the words "an emission control area designated under paragraph 6 of this regulation" with the words "a NOx Tier III emission control area"; IMO Resolution: Resolution MEPC.286(71) adopted on 7 July 2017. Amendments to Regulation 21 - Required EEDI to update the reference values for Ro-ro cargo ship and Ro-ro passenger ship. IMO Resolution: Resolution MEPC.301(72) adopted on 13 April 2018.



13 October 2019	Amendments to the Ballast Water Management (BWM) Convention	<p>The amendments to the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004 (BWM Convention) relate to the implementation of the treaty, including the schedule for ships to comply with the requirement to meet the so-called D-2 standard (amendments to section B).</p> <p>Other amendments (to sections A and D) make mandatory the Code for approval of ballast water management systems. Further amendments relate to section E on survey and certification.</p> <p>IMO Resolutions: Resolution MEPC.297(72) & Resolution MEPC.299(72) adopted on 13 April 2018.</p>
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- Cyprus Union of Shipowners
- Cyprus Shipping Association
- Cyprus Bar Association

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