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To all Owners, Managers,
Representatives and Masters
of vessels flying the Cyprus Flag and
Cyprus Shipping Association

Subject: Enforcement of provisions of European Regulation 417/2002 on the accelerated phasing in of double hull or equivalent design requirements for single-hull oil tankers, on oil tankers carrying heavy grades of oil with deadweight between 600 and 5000tons

We would like to remind you that under Article 4(5) of Regulation (EC) 417/2002 as amended, oil tankers with deadweight between 600 and 5000 tons that carry heavy grades of oil must comply with Article 4(3) of the same Regulation no later than their anniversary date of their date of delivery in 2008.

The pre-mentioned Article 4(3) stipulates that:

No oil tanker carrying heavy grades of oil shall be allowed to fly the flag of a Member State unless such tanker is a double hull tanker.

No oil tanker carrying heavy grades of oil, irrespective of its flag, shall be allowed to enter or leave ports or offshore terminals or to anchor in areas under the jurisdiction of a Member State, unless such tanker is a double hull oil tanker.'

All parties are required to abide by the provisions of Regulation (EC) No.417/2002 as amended, taking into account the provisions of relevant law 121(I)/2004 which contains enforcement measures for ships proven not being in compliance with the said Regulation.

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