

THE CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION
(RATIFICATION) AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH LAWS OF 1973 TO
2023¹

LAW NO. 73 OF 1973 AS AMENDED

A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE
INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED
THEREWITH

The House of Representatives enacts as follows:

Short title.
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1. This Law shall be cited as the Convention on the International Maritime Organization (Ratification) and for Matters Connected Therewith Laws of 1973 to 2023.

73 of 1973
59 of 1975
58 of 1977
12 of 1979
30 of 1982
22(III) of 1993
7 (III) of 1996
10(III) of 2023.

Interpretation.

2. In this Law under the context otherwise requires—

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2 of 58/77
2 of 12 /79
4 of 30/82
2 of 7 (III)/96.

“Convention” means the Convention on the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (International Maritime Organization – IMO), whose text is set out in the English original in Part I of the Schedule and in translation in Greek in Part II of the Schedule².

Schedule

Part I

Part II.

¹ Consolidation Note: Includes the latest amendments introduced by Law 10(III)/2023. All these Laws were published in the Greek language in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Cyprus. This is an “unofficial” consolidated translation into English prepared by the Shipping Deputy Ministry and does not intend to replace any translation prepared by the Law Commissioner’s Office.

According to Article 3 of the Constitution of the Republic of Cyprus, the official languages of the Republic of Cyprus are Greek and Turkish and therefore the present translation into English is **not the authentic version. The authentic and therefore legally binding version, is the Greek version of this Law.**

² Consolidation Note: The present consolidation does not include the Schedules, i.e. the full text of the Convention and the amending Resolutions, obtainable from the International Maritime Organization (IMO) publications.

Provided that in case of conflict between the two texts, the text set out in Part I of the Schedule shall prevail;

“Resolution No A.1152(32)” means Resolution 1152(32) of the Assembly of the International Maritime Organization of 8 December 2021 amending the Convention on the International Maritime Organization.

*Ratification
of the
Convention.*

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2 of 58/77
2 of 12 /79
4 of 30/82
2 of 7 (III)/96
2 of 10(III)/2023.*

3. The Convention, the accession to which by the Republic of Cyprus was decided by virtue of the Decision of the Council of Ministers No. 12.183 dated 15th March 1973 and its amendments³, are hereby ratified.

*Ratification of amendments
to the Convention pursuant
to Resolution A.1152(32).*

3A. —(1) This Law ratifies the amendments to the Convention, which were adopted by Resolution A.1152(32) and whose adoption by the Republic was decided by Decision No. 93.930 of the Council of Ministers dated 9 November 2022.

*Schedule 2
Part I
Part II.*

(2) The text of the amendments referred to in subsection (1) of this section shall be set out in the English original in Part I of Schedule 2 and in a Greek translation in Part II thereof:

Provided that, in case of conflict between the two texts which are set out in Schedule 2, the text in the English language set out in Part I thereof shall prevail.

*Approval of
Codes and
authority for
issue of certificates.*

4. —(1) By a Decision published in the Official Gazette of the Republic, the Council of Ministers has power to approve the Codes adopted by the International Maritime Organization

³ Consolidation Note: It is recalled that by virtue of Laws 59/75, 58/77, 12 /79, 30/82, 7 (III)/96 and 10(III)/2023, the Republic of Cyprus ratified relevant amendments to the Convention, as introduced by IMO Assembly Resolutions A.315 (ESV) dated 17 October 1974, A.358 (IX) dated 14 November 1975, A. 371 (X) dated 9 November 1977, A. 400 (X) dated 17 November 1977, A. 450 (XI) dated 30 November 1979, A. 724(17) dated 7 November 1991, A. 735(18) dated 4 November 1993 and A. 1152(32) dated 8 December 2021, respectively.

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and intended for the better implementation of the international maritime conventions or for prescribing international standards in specialized fields of merchant shipping.

(2) As from the date of publication of the relevant Decision of the Council of Ministers, the Codes become binding for the Republic of Cyprus⁴.

(3) The Shipping Deputy Minister to the President⁵ has power to assign surveyors/ inspectors of ships authorized in that respect, or recognized classification societies⁶ with the survey and inspection of Cyprus ships and the issue of relevant certificates by virtue of the Codes which are approved by the Council of Ministers and are binding on the Republic of Cyprus, as provided in this section.

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⁴ Consolidation Note : It is recalled that the IMO Codes presently adopted under this section by virtue of a Decision of the Council of Ministers are the following:

*Decision regarding the adoption of the **ISM Code**. (Gazette No. 3211, Supplement III(I), dated 31.12.97, P.I. No. 394/97).*

*Decision regarding the adoption of the **IMDG Code**. (Gazette No. 3241, Supplement III(I), dated 15.5.98, P.I. No. 133/98).*

*Decision regarding the adoption of the **IMO Code for the Investigation of Marine Casualties and Incidents** . (Gazette No. 3378, Supplement III (I), dated 31.12.99, P.I. No. 343/ 99).*

*Decision regarding the adoption of the **IMO Bulk Gas Carrier Code (G C Code)** . (Gazette No. 3453, Supplement IV, dated 1.12. 2000, Decision of the Council of Ministers No. 52. 561 dated 26.10.2000).*

*Decision regarding the adoption of the **IMO Bulk Chemical Code (BCH Code)**. (Gazette No. 3453, Supplement IV, dated 1.12. 2000, Decision of the Council of Ministers No. 52. 562 dated 26.10.2000).*

*Decision regarding the adoption of the **International Code for the Security of Ships and of Port Facilities (ISPS Code)** . (Gazette No. 3812, Supplement IV, dated 20.2. 2004, P.I. 94/2004).*

⁵ Consolidation Note: Section 4(2)(b) of the *Establishment of a Shipping Deputy Ministry and Appointment of a Shipping Deputy Minister to the President and for Matters Connected Therewith Laws* (Law 123(I) of 2017 as amended) is of relevance.

⁶ Consolidation Note: With regard to classification societies and relevant authorisations, the matter is governed by the *Merchant Shipping(Recognition and Authorization of Organizations) Laws of 2001 and 2004 (Law 46(I)/ 2001 as amended)*.