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

Subject: Adoption of the Euro by the Republic of Cyprus—Impact on Cyprus Merchant Shipping Legislation

1. I wish to inform you that on 1st January 2008, the Euro (the single European currency) became the official currency of the Republic of Cyprus, replacing the Cyprus pound. The changeover to the euro is a demanding process, which involves all citizens/government institutions and requires due care. The legal framework for such changeover is *The Adoption of the Euro Law of 2007 (Law 33(I) of 2007, as amended)* and its subsidiary legislation.
2. In July 2007, the EU Council adopted the conversion rate at which the euro will be substituted for the Cyprus pound: €1 = £ 0,585274. Consequently, our Department has modified the First Schedule of *The Merchant Shipping (Fees and Taxing Provisions) Laws of 1992 to 2007* in order to include display of the fees in Euro, retaining at the same time, the amounts in Cyprus pounds. This modified First Schedule can be found at our Department's website, both in the introductory page, as well as in the consolidated text of the *Merchant Shipping (Fees and Taxing Provisions) Laws* (selecting legislation/consolidated Cyprus shipping legislation/national instruments). It is always recommended to click on the refresh button when visiting our website.
3. Furthermore, by virtue of *Notification P.I. 312/2007* (Gazette No. 4210, Supplement III(I), dated 20.07.2007) issued by the Minister of Finance under section 9(1) of *Law 33(I) of 2007 as amended*, the amounts expressed in Cyprus pounds for the monetary penalties, fines and administrative fines provided in all Laws and Public Instruments (Regulations/subsidiary legislation) of the Republic of Cyprus have, as from the 1st January 2008, been replaced by the respective amounts in EURO indicated in the Table below.

Therefore, any amount of monetary penalties, fines and administrative fines expressed in *Cyprus pounds* as currently provided in any piece of the Cypriot legislation on merchant shipping and related matters is replaced by the following respective amount in EURO :

CYPRUS POUNDS	EURO
1,00	1,00
5,00	8,00
10,00	17,00
15,00	25,00
20,00	34,00

25,00	42,00
50,00	85,00
75,00	128,00
100,00	170,00
125,00	213,00
150,00	256,00
175,00	299,00
200,00	341,00
250,00	427,00
300,00	512,00
350,00	598,00
400,00	683,00
450,00	768,00
500,00	854,00
600,00	1.025,00
700,00	1.196,00
800,00	1.366,00
900,00	1.537,00
1.000,00	1.708,00
1.500,00	2.562,00
2.000,00	3.417,00
3.000,00	5.125,00
4.000,00	6.834,00
5.000,00	8.543,00
10.000,00	17.086,00
15.000,00	25.629,00
20.000,00	34.172,00
25.000,00	42.715,00
30.000,00	51.258,00
35.000,00	59.801,00
40.000,00	68.344,00
45.000,00	76.887,00
50.000,00	85.430,00
75.000,00	128.145,00
100.000,00	170.860,00
125.000,00	213.575,00
150.000,00	256.290,00
200.000,00	341.720,00
250.000,00	427.150,00
300.000,00	512.580,00

4. Under section 9 of *Law 33(I) of 2007 as amended*, any amount of fines in Cyprus pounds , not included in the above Table of *Notification P.I. 312/2007* has to be converted in EURO according to the irrevocably fixed conversion rate **€1 = £ 0,585274** and the relevant provisions of the said *Law* .

Therefore, under the current Cypriot merchant shipping legislation, the above rule applies in the case of the fine for the amount of five hundred thousand pounds (**£ 500.000**), now converted at **€ 854.300** (eight hundred fifty four thousand and three hundred Euro), which is provided only in the following two cases :

- section 18 (*Criminal offence for pollution*) of *The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea from Ships (Ratification) and for Matters Connected Therewith Laws of 1989 to 2005* (MARPOL Convention Ratification Law 57 of 1989 as amended);
- section 11 (*Criminal offence*) of *The International Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and other Matter, 1972 and the Resolutions*

LDC5(III), LDC6(III) of 1978 and LDC12(V) of 1980 (Ratification) and for the Matters Connected Therewith Law of 1990 (DUMPING Convention Ratification Law 38 of 1990).

5. It is finally noted that my Circular No. 25/2007 of 19.12.2007 is of relevance with regard to issues under the STCW 78 Convention as amended.

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- Registrar of Companies
- Cyprus Shipping Council
- Cyprus Union of Shipowners
- PEO Trade Union
- SEK Trade Union
- Cyprus Bar Association
- Cyprus Association of Chartered Accountants