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To all Owners, Managers  
and Representatives of Ships  
under the Cyprus Flag and Ships of all Flags within the territory of Cyprus  
Cyprus Shipping Association

**Subject: The Merchant Shipping (Ship-Source Pollution) Law of 2008- Transposition of Directive 2005/35/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005 on ship-source pollution and on the introduction of penalties for infringements**

I refer to the above matter and wish to inform you of the enactment of the Merchant Shipping (Ship-Source Pollution) Law of 2008, (Law 45(I)/2008). This Law transposes the provisions of European Union Directive 2005/35/EC and was published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4170 dated 4.7.2008 Supplement I(I).

The text of Directive 2005/35/EC may be obtained from the website of the European Union <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/>.

Within the forthcoming weeks, our Department will prepare a translation into the English language of Law 45(I)/2008 which will be posted on our website.

The Owners, Managers and Representatives of ships flying the Cyprus flag and of ships of all flags within the territory of Cyprus, are advised to abide by the provisions of Law 45(I)/2008 and Directive 2005/35/EC.

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  - PEO Trade Union
  - SEK Trade Union
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