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To all Registered Owners, Registered Bareboat Charterers,
Managers and Representatives of Ships flying the Cyprus Flag

**Subject: Cyprus Seafarer's Identification and Sea Service Record Book
Amendments**

I refer to the above subject and further to our Circular No. 14/2001 dated 29th June 2001, Circular No.02/2005 dated 25th January 2005, Circular No.25/2007 dated 19th December 2007, Circular No.11/2009 dated 26th May 2009, Circular No.44/2011 dated 18th November 2011 and Circular No.60/2012 dated 13th November 2012, I wish to inform you the following:

1. Since 14/6/2016 the format of page no. 2 of the Seafarers' Identification and Sea Service Record Book (SISSRB) issued by the Department of Merchant Shipping to seafarers serving on board Cyprus flag ships has been revised. The field "**Certificate of Maritime Competence**" has been deleted in order to avoid misinterpretation during Port State Control inspections especially when the seafarer is promoted and the capacity mentioned on the SISSRB is not the same as the one mentioned on her/his Certificate of Competency.
2. We remind you that the Cyprus SISSRB is only an identification document whose main purpose is the registration of seafarer's sea service. It is neither a passport nor a travelling document. Moreover, **it is not a certificate of competency.**
3. Furthermore, it is clarified that the requirements for Cyprus SISSRBs are national requirements and not international ones, therefore, Port State Control Authorities or any other Foreign Authority are not entitled to interfere and delay or detain Cyprus Ships on account of any discrepancies related with SISSRBs.
4. Moreover, the absence of Cyprus SISSRBs should not be a reason for delaying or detained Cyprus ships.



The Seafarers' Division of the Department will be at the disposal of Owners, Managers and anyone concerned with the matter for any explanations and clarifications they may require.

This Circular must be placed on board ships flying the Cyprus flag.



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