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DEPARTMENT OF MERCHANT SHIPPING
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To all Owners
Managers, Representatives and Masters
of vessels flying the Cyprus flag.

Subject: Shipboard Oil Pollution Emergency Plans (SOPEP).

I would like to refer to the above subject and to inform you the following.

SOPEP Plans required by Regulation MARPOL I/37 (ex Regulation MARPOL I/26), Shipboard Marine Pollution Emergency Plans for noxious liquid substances required by Regulation MARPOL II/17 (ex Regulation MARPOL II/16) and combined plans for both oil and noxious liquid substances, could be approved either by the vessels' Classification Societies or this Department.

Cyprus ships having SOPEP plans, approved by the Cyprus Bureau of Shipping (CBS), prior to 01.05.2004, are still considered as meeting the approval requirement.

SOPEP plans approved by CBS prior to 01.05.2004, when reviewed and updated, must be **either** approved anew by the vessel's classification Society or by this Department, **or, alternatively** amendments concerning mandatory sections should be submitted to this Department for approval (two sets of copies of amended pages together with the replaced pages and the page indicating the approval date by CBS).

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