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DEPARTMENT OF MERCHANT SHIPPING
LEMESOS**

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To all Owners, Managers
and Representatives of
ships registered in Cyprus

**Subject: Special Measures to Enhance Maritime Security - ISPS Code
Contact details for Ship Security Alert System (SSAS)
Continuous Synopsis Record**

In accordance with Regulation XI-2 /6 of the SOLAS 74, as amended, convention, all ships must be provided with a ship security alert system in accordance with the time schedule indicated in the above mentioned regulation. The competent authority for receiving a ship-to-shore security alert from Cyprus flag ships as per Regulation XI/ 6.2.1, is the Department of Merchant Shipping.

The ship security alert system, when activated, must transmit a ship-to-shore security alert to the shipmanagement Company as well as to the Department of Merchant Shipping, to the fax no.:

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The SSAS must be programmed in such a way that when it is activated, the ship-to-shore security alert shall include the IMO number and the Call Sign of a ship.

Upon receiving a SSA signal, the duty officer of the Department of Merchant Shipping will communicate with the Company Security Officer of the ship(as nominated in form ISPS C-1, which is submitted to the DMS), who must be available at all times, in order to assess the seriousness of the SSA signal. We expect that all necessary precautions will be taken to avoid accidental activation of the SSAS.

The Department of Merchant Shipping will notify the State(s) in the vicinity of which the ship is presently sailing, to take appropriate action.

Also, the Company has the obligation to provide any relevant information to the Department of Merchant Shipping, when so requested.

The Department of Merchant Shipping will maintain communication with the Company until the case is considered as closed.

The attention of the Company is drawn to the fact that when a ship is deleted from the Cyprus Registry, they should immediately make all necessary arrangements for the reprogramming of the SSAS, as appropriate.

As from the 1st July 2004, owners/managers, when they apply for a new ship registration in the Cyprus Registry, apart from the other documents required, must also submit the form ISPC C-1 fully completed, which may be downloaded from our web-page: <http://www.shipping.gov.cy> (circulars 18/2003 or 29/2004 are relevant).

Ships which will be registered after the 1st July 2004, must keep a copy of their first Certificate of Cyprus Registry (certificate of provisional registration or the certificate of Cyprus Registry, if the ship was registered directly permanent) on board, for the purposes of verification of the date of first registry of the ship under the Cyprus flag by any PSCO, as this date is the same as that which appears in the CSR.

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