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

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**Subject: International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, STCW 78, as Amended- Issue of Seafarer's Identification and Sea Service Record Books and Endorsements Attesting the Recognition of Non Cyprus Certificates**

I refer to the above subject and further to our circulars No. 14/2001 dated 29 June 2001, 26/2001 dated 19/12/2001 and 3/2006 dated 25/01/2006, I wish to inform that the list of Countries whose certificates of competency are presently recognised by the Republic of Cyprus is as follows:

**LIST OF COUNTRIES WHOSE CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY ARE PRESENTLY ACCEPTED FOR THE ISSUE OF ENDORSEMENT AT TESTING THE RECOGNITION OF A NON CYPRUS CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY**

Argentina	Estonia	Jamaica	Philippines	Turkey
Australia	Finland	Japan*	Poland	Ukraine
Belgium	France	Latvia	Portugal	United Kingdom
Brazil	Georgia	Lithuania	Republic of Korea	United States
Bulgaria	Germany	Maldives*	Romania	Viet Nam
Canada	Ghana*	Malta	Russian Federation	Serbia & Montenegro
Cape Verde*	Greece	Mexico	Singapore	
Chile	Hong Kong	Morocco*	Slovakia	
China	Hungary	Myanmar	Slovenia	
Croatia	Iceland	Netherlands	South Africa	
Cuba	India	New Zealand	Spain	
Czech	Indonesia	Norway	Sri Lanka*	
Denmark	Ireland	Pakistan	Sweden	
Egypt*	Italy	Peru	Tonga*	
* Countries which are in the process of being recognised by European Commission.				

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

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