MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS DEPARTMENT OF MERCHANT SHIPPING LEMESOS

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To all Owners, Managers and Representatives of Ships under the Cyprus Flag

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Subject: Implementation of EU Harmonising Legislation: The International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage of 2001 (Bunkers Convention) (Ratification) and for Matters Connected Therewith Law of 2004 (Law 19(III)/2004)

1. I wish to inform you that the *International Convention on Civil Liability for Bunker Oil Pollution Damage of 2001 (Bunkers Convention) (Ratification) and for Matters Connected Therewith Law of 2004 (Law 19(III)/2004)* was enacted for the purposes of compliance with the European Union Council Decision 2002/762/EC.

The text of the above Community Decision is available on the European Union website at http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/ in "Legislation/ Directory of Community legislation in force/Environment, consumers and health protection/Environment/International Cooperation (15.10.40)".

- 2. It is recalled that the *Bunkers Convention* is not yet internationally in force.
- 3. Further details and requirements with regard to the implementation of this harmonising legislation will be communicated to you by a Circular to be issued at a later stage following the entry into force of the *Bunkers Convention*.

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