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

Subject: IMO Recommendations on the Safe use of pesticides in ships

I refer to the above subject and wish to inform you the following.

These recommendations have been drafted by IMO to provide guidance to shipmasters and fumigators on the safe use of pesticides with a view to safeguard the health and safety of personnel on board. The following items are covered:

- (a) Prevention of infestation
- (b) Chemical control of insect infestation
- (c) Control of rodent pests
- (d) Regulations for the use of pesticides
- (e) Safety precautions

The relevant IMO publication is Sales No. IMO-267E for the English version, 1993 Edition. Also the amendments to the recommendations adopted in May 1995 are contained in IMO publication No. IMO-210E.

It is highly recommended that you bring to the attention of the masters of your vessels, the contents of the above and request them to carefully follow the detailed instructions in order to eliminate the possibility of endangering the health of the crew as well as possible damage to cargoes.

Besides, compliance with the recommendations of the circular under reference, may constitute a strong evidence in support of a master, in case of an accident involving pesticides, that he has taken all possible precautions to safeguard the health of passengers and crew and the good condition of the cargo.



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