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

To the Recognised Organisations

**Subject: International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC Code )**

I wish to inform you that as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009 the above mentioned Code may be applied on a voluntary basis to all ships carrying solid bulk cargoes, pending entry into force of the relevant SOLAS amendments on 1 January 2011.

It is highly recommended that all Cyprus flag vessels carrying solid bulk cargoes should be provided with a relevant Statement of Compliance.

All recognised organisations are hereby authorised to carry out surveys and issue the relevant Statement of Compliance on behalf of the Republic of Cyprus.

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