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**DEPARTMENT  
OF MERCHANT SHIPPING  
LEMESOS**

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To all Owners, Managers  
and Representatives of Ships  
under the Cyprus flag  
and of Ships of all flags within the territory of Cyprus

Recognised Organisations

**Subject: EU Directive 2005/33/EC – Maximum sulphur content of marine fuels used by ships at berth in EU ports as from 1 January 2010**

I refer to the above subject and further to my Circular No.16/2006 of 04.08.2006, I wish to inform you as follows:

1. It is recalled that on 06.07.2005, the European Parliament and the Council issued Directive 2005/33/EC amending Directive 1999/32/EC as regards the sulphur content of marine fuels.
2. Directive 2005/35/EC was transposed by the Republic of Cyprus by virtue of the Sulphur Content of Marine Fuels Order of 2007, Order P.I.199/2007<sup>1</sup>, issued under section 16(1) of The Requirements on Petroleum Products and Fuels Laws of 2003 and 2007<sup>2</sup>.
3. Pursuant to Article 4b of Directive 1999/32/EC as amended by Directive 2005/33/EC (see paragraph 6(1) of Order P.I. 199/2007), **as from 1 January 2010, the sulphur content of marine fuels used by ships at berth in EU ports should not exceed 0.1% by mass.** This applies to any usage of fuel in auxiliary engines, main engines and boilers.

This requirement does not apply with respect to:

- (a) ships which spend less than 2 hours at berth according to published timetables,
- (b) hybrid sea-river vessels while they are at sea, and
- (c) ships which switch off all engines and use shore-side electricity.

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<sup>1</sup> Gazette No. 4194, Supplement III (I), dated 2.05.2007.

<sup>2</sup> Law 148(I)/2003 as amended by Law 40(I)/2007, Gazette No.3758, Supplement I(I), dated 3.10.2003 and Gazette No.4120, Supplement I(I), dated 5.04.2007.

4. Furthermore, please be advised that regulation MARPOL VI/14(6) requires that, during fuel changeover, specific entries should be recorded in a Logbook prescribed by the Administration. Since MARPOL does not provide a standard logbook format, this Administration advises ships under Cyprus Flag, to record appropriate entries in the Official Engine Log Book of the vessel.
5. You are also reminded that, entries regarding bunkering operations are recorded in the Oil Record Book (ORB, Part I, Machinery space operations). In addition to those entries, bunker delivery notes should be kept on board as per the requirements of regulation MARPOL VI/18(4) for a period of three years and samples, which correspond to bunkering for the time specified in the said regulation, should be kept in accordance with regulation MARPOL VI/18(6).
6. The Masters, Owners, Managers and Representatives of ships flying the Cyprus flag and of Ships of all flags sailing within the territory of Cyprus are advised to strictly abide by this Circular, Order P.I. 199/1997 and Directive 1999/32/EC as amended by Directive 2005/33/EC.

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