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To all Registered owners, Registered bareboat charterers
Managers and Representatives of ships flying the Cyprus Flag
and Recognised Organisations

To all Managers of European Union ships based in Cyprus

To all Suppliers/Sellers of marine equipment in Cyprus (c/o Associated Members of Cyprus
Shipping Chamber)

**Subject: Implementation of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1397 on
marine equipment**

1. I refer to the above subject and I wish to inform you that the European Commission has adopted on the 6th of August 2019, ***Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1397 on design, construction and performance requirements and testing standards for marine equipment***. This Regulation aims to indicate the design, construction and performance requirements and testing standards in respect of marine equipment falling within the scope of application of ***the Merchant Shipping (Marine Equipment) Law of 2017 (Law 23(I)/2017)*** (hereinafter referred to as the “Law”) and of ***Directive 2014/90/EU***, as well as the dates from which the testing standards are to apply.

Therefore by virtue of Article 1 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1397 the design, construction and performance requirements and the testing standards provided for in the international instruments referred to in the Law and in extent in Directive 2014/90/EU shall apply to each item of marine equipment as set out in the Annex therein.

Moreover according to Article 3 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1397:

“1. Marine equipment listed as a ‘new item inserted by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/306’ in column 1 of the Annex to this Regulation, which is in compliance with the national requirements for type-approval in force before 16 March 2017 in a Member State, may continue to be placed on the market and on board an EU ship until 16 March 2020.

2. Marine equipment listed as a ‘new item inserted by Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/773 in column 1 of the Annex, which is in compliance with the national requirements for type-approval in force before 19 June 2018 in a Member State, may continue to be placed on the market and on board an EU ship until 19 June 2021.



3. *Marine equipment listed as a ‘new item inserted by Implementing Regulation 2019/1397 in column 1 of the Annex, which is in compliance with the national requirements for type-approval in force before 3 October 2019 in a Member State, may continue to be placed on the market and on board an EU ship until 3 October 2022.’*

2. Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1397 repeals implementing regulation (EU) 2018/773.
3. It is recalled that that EU instruments have a direct effect and are binding on shipowners/ ship operators, suppliers/sellers of marine equipment and any violation may expose them to relevant penalties under the Law or the legislation of any other EU Member State.

All recipients of this Circular are invited to take note of its contents.



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 - Cyprus Shipping Chamber
 - Cyprus Union of Shipowners
 - Cyprus Bar Association

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