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To all Owners, Managers and
Representatives of ships
registered in Cyprus

**Subject: Introduction of Maritime Identification Zone
by Australia**

1. The Australian Government has notified the intention to introduce in 2005 a Maritime Identification Zone, as a part of maritime security strengthening scheme. This Zone will extend up to 1000 n.m. off the Australian coasts and ships will be requested to provide information on their identity, cargo, crews and the ship movements.
2. The Maritime Identification Zone will be graduated as follows:
 - a. 1000 n.m.off or 48 hours steaming from Australian coasts ships bound for Australian ports, will be requested to submit their arrival information.
 - b. 500 n.m. or 24 hours steaming from Australian coasts, ships intending to transit Australia's Exclusive Economic Zone or territorial seas will be requested to submit information about their identity, course and speed, on a wholly voluntary basis.
 - c. Within Australia's Exclusive economic Zone, all ships will be requested identification.
3. Cyprus flag ships navigating within the limits of the Maritime Identification Zone are advised to provide information as requested.

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