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SHIPPING DEPUTY MINISTRY TO THE PRESIDENT

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

Subject: The Merchant Shipping (Recognition and Authorisation of Organisations) Law of 2011 (Law 128(I)/2011) - Translation into the English language

1. I refer to the above subject and further to previous DMS Circulars No. 39/2011 and No. 41/2012 I wish to inform you that a translated into the English language text of **the Merchant Shipping (Recognition and Authorisation of Organisations) Law of 2011 (Law 128(I)/2011)**¹ is now available on the Shipping Deputy Ministry's website at www.shipping.gov.cy (selecting Legislation/Consolidated Cyprus Shipping Legislation/National Instruments).
2. It is recalled that the relevant International Conventions coming under the scope of application of **Law 128(I)/2011** are those set out in the definition of "International Conventions" currently provided by the Merchant Shipping (Recognition and Authorisation of Organisations) Order of 2015, P.I.473/2015², namely:
 - (a) *the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea of 1974 (SOLAS 74);*
 - (b) *the International Load Lines Convention of 1966 (LL Convention 66);*
 - (c) *the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships of 1973 and the 1978 Protocol thereto (MARPOL Convention 73/78);*
 - (d) *the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea of 1972 (COLREG Convention 72);*
 - (e) *the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships of 1969 (ITC Convention 69);*

¹ Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4296, Supplement III (I), dated 7.10.2011.

² Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4915, Supplement III (I), dated 31.12.2015.



- (f) *The International Convention for Safe Containers of 1972 (CSC Convention);*
- (g) *the Special Trade Passenger Ships Agreement 1971 (STP 71), and the Protocol on Space Requirements for Special Trade Passenger Ships 1973 (SPACE STP 73);*
- (h) *the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships of 2001 (ANTI-FOULING Convention);*
- (i) *the Maritime Labour Convention of 2006 (MLC 2006).*

The above term "International Conventions" includes the relevant to these International Conventions, Protocols, amendments and relevant Codes, in their up-to-date version with the exception of paragraphs 16.1, 18.1 and 19 of Part 2 of the IMO Instruments Implementation Code, and of paragraphs 1.1, 1.3, 3.9.3.1, 3.9.3.2 and 3.9.3.3 of Part 2 of the IMO Code for Recognised Organisations.

3. This Circular repeals previous DMS Circular No. 41/2012.

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



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