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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

Subject: Certificates of Competency and Training Documentary Evidence Issued by the Government of the Philippines

With respect to the above subject, the competent Authorities of the Philippines have informed us, as per attached letter dated 6th September 2005, that the STCW 78 as amended certificates, including certificates and training documentary evidence required under Chapters V and VI of the STCW 78 convention as amended, which are held by Filipino seafarers, are valid only if they have been issued by the competent authorities of the Philippines.

Therefore, all Owners and Managers are advised, whenever they intend to employ Filipino crew on board their Cyprus flagged vessels, to check their certificates and training documentary evidence whether they have been issued by the competent Authorities of the Philippines, before the Filipino seafarers sign on. If a certificate or training documentary evidence is not issued by the competent Authorities of the Philippines or by any other State whose certificates are recognised by Cyprus, the holder of such document should be advised to apply for a proper Filipino certificate.

The Department will be at the disposal of Owners, Managers and anyone concerned with the matter for any explanations and clarifications they may require.

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6 September 2005

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Sir:

Reference to your letter dated 6 September 2005, please be informed that all STCW '95 certificates of Filipino seafarers are issued only by the Administration, including certificates/documents required under Chapters V and VI of the STCW Convention.

All Philippine certificates could be verified for authenticity and genuineness at the MTC website www.mtc.gov.ph.

Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,


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