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To all Owners, Managers
and Representatives
of Ships under the Cyprus Flag

Subject: **International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, STCW 78, as Amended- Issue of Seafarer's Identification and Sea Service Record Books and Endorsements Attesting the Recognition of Non Cyprus Certificate**

I refer to the above subject and further to our circulars No. 14/2001 dated 29 June 2001, 26/2001 dated 19/12/2001, 3/2006 dated 25/01/2006, 18/2006 dated 22/09/2006, 13/2007 dated 21/05/2007, 22/2007 dated 08/11/2007, 6/2008 dated 02/05/2008 and 21/2010 dated 26/07/2010, I wish to inform that the list of Countries whose certificates of competency are presently recognised by the Republic of Cyprus is as follows:

LIST OF COUNTRIES WHOSE CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY ARE PRESENTLY ACCEPTED FOR THE ISSUE OF ENDORSEMENT ATTESTING THE RECOGNITION OF NON CYPRUS CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY.

Algeria	Denmark	Ireland	Norway	South Africa
Argentina	Egypt*	Israel	Pakistan	Spain
Australia	Estonia	Italy	Peru	Sri Lanka
Bangladesh *	Finland	Jamaica	Philippines	Sweden
Belgium	France	Japan*	Poland	Turkey
Brazil	Germany	Latvia	Portugal	Ukraine
Bulgaria	Ghana*	Lithuania	Republic of Korea	United Kingdom
Canada	Greece	Malta	Republic of Montenegro	United States
Cape Verde*	Hong Kong	Mexico	Republic of Serbia	Viet Nam
Chile	Hungary	Morocco*	Romania	
China	Iceland	Myanmar	Russian Federation	
Croatia	India	Netherlands	Singapore	
Cuba	Indonesia	New Zealand	Slovakia	
Czech Republic	Iran	Nigeria*	Slovenia	

* Countries which are in the process of being assessed by European Commission.

This is also to inform you that in accordance with the decision of the European Commission dated 22/11/2010, the recognition of Georgia with regard to education, training and certification of seafarers that had been granted according to article 18(3c) of Directive 2001/25/EC has been withdrawn. Therefore, this administration will not be able to issue Cyprus endorsements to officers holding certificates issued by the Georgian administration.

However, Cyprus endorsements attesting the recognition of Georgian certificates of competency, which had been issued prior to the European Commission decision of 22/11/2010, will remain valid until they expire.

Furthermore, the Department will reissue Cyprus endorsements attesting the recognition of Georgian Certificates to masters and officers, only on the basis of approved seagoing service on board Cyprus flagged ships, involving performance of duties appropriate to the certificate held, for an accumulated period of at least one year during the preceding five years.

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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