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All Owners, Managers and Representatives of Ships, irrespective of flag,  
sailing within the territorial sea of the Republic of Cyprus  
*c/o Cyprus Shipping Chamber*  
*c/o Cyprus Union of Shipowners*  
*c/o Cyprus Shipping Association*

**Subject: Cyprus legislation: The Regulation of the Innocent Passage of Ships  
in the Territorial Sea Law of 2011 (Law 28(I)/2011)**

I refer to the above matter and wish to inform you of the enactment by the Cyprus Parliament of *The Regulation of the Innocent Passage of Ships in the Territorial Sea Law of 2011* (Law 28(I)/2011, Official Gazette No.4274, Supplement I (I), dated 18.03.2011).

Law 28(I)/2011 regulates the right of innocent passage of foreign vessels within the territorial sea ( territorial waters) of the Republic of Cyprus in accordance with the provisions of the *1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea ( UNCLOS )* (see Articles 17-32 of *UNCLOS*).

The text of this Law, translated into English by our Department, has been posted on our website (selecting *Legislation and Circulars/ Consolidated Cyprus Shipping Legislation/ National Instruments-* under the heading *Other related matters* ).

The Owners, Managers and Representatives of ships, irrespective of flag, sailing within the territorial waters of the Republic of Cyprus, are advised to take note of the provisions of Law 28(I)/2011.

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