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To all Owners, Managers
and Representatives
of Ships under the Cyprus Flag   9 January 2012

Subject: Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the Italian Republic on Maritime Navigation

I wish to refer to the above matter and to inform you that an Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the Italian Republic on Maritime Navigation was signed in Rome on 18th November 2004. This Agreement was published in the Official Gazette No. 3944, Supplement VII, dated 14 January 2004. An Exchange of Notes between the Contracting Parties relating to an amendment of the said Agreement was thereafter published in the Official Gazette No. 4147, Supplement VII, dated 16 September 2011.

The above mentioned Exchange of Notes entered into force contextually with the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Government of the Italian Republic on Maritime Navigation on 23rd November 2011.

The most important provisions of the Agreement are the following:

(a) Each Contracting Party shall reserve for any ships of the other Contracting Party that call at its ports, the same treatment as reserved for its ships including free entry to ports; stay and departure from the same ports; the payment of taxes, tariffs and shipping dues with reference to port services; port duties and taxes; the use of port equipment for loading and unloading operations; the use of port installations or services intended for the unloading of the ship´s waste and cargo; the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers, crew and goods **(Article V)**.

(b) Each Contracting Party shall recognize the identity documents issued by the competent national maritime authority of the other Contracting Party to crew members who are nationals of that Contracting Party **(Article VII)**.

(c) The crew members of one Contracting Party, holding the identity documents referred to in Article VII, are permitted to go ashore temporarily in the port town and its surroundings of the other Contracting Party, provided they appear in the crew list of the ship, in accordance with

the legislation in force in the territory of the Contracting Party in which the port is located **(Article VIII)**.

(d) Holders of the identity documents referred to in Article VII, who are nationals of either Contracting Party, are permitted as passengers of any means of transport to enter, without a visa, the territory of the other Contracting Party or to pass through its territory in transit whenever they are on the way to their vessel or moving to another vessel, on the way to their country or going for any other purpose with the consent of the appropriate authorities of this other Contracting Party **(Article IX)**.

(e) If a ship of one Contracting Party is shipwrecked, runs aground or suffers a loss or damage or any other accident in the territorial waters, in a port or off the coast of the other Contracting Party, the competent national maritime authority of the latter shall provide similar assistance for the rescue of the crew and passengers or salvage of the goods on board the ship in difficulty as would be provided for their own ships, passengers and cargo **(Article XI)**.

(f) Shipowners of one Contracting Party may engage, in accordance with its relevant laws and regulations, qualified nationals of the other Contracting Party **(Article XIII)**.

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