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MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS  
DEPARTMENT OF MERCHANT SHIPPING  
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To all Owners, Managers  
and Representatives  
of Ships under the Cyprus Flag

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**Subject: Implementation of EU Harmonising Legislation: The International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea of 1996 (HNS Convention) (Ratification) and for Matters Connected Therewith Law of 2004**

1. I wish to inform you that the *International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in Connection with the Carriage of Hazardous and Noxious Substances by Sea of 1996 (HNS Convention) (Ratification) and for Matters Connected Therewith Law of 2004 (Law 21(III)/2004)* was enacted for the purposes of compliance with the European Union Council *Decision 2002/971/EC*.

The text of the above Council Decision is available on the European Union website at <http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/> in “Legislation/ Directory of Community legislation in force/Transport Policy/Shipping”.

2. It is recalled that the *HNS Convention* is not yet internationally in force.
3. Further details and requirements with regard to the implementation of this harmonising legislation will be communicated to you by a Circular to be issued at a later stage following the entry into force of the *HNS Convention*.

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  - Cyprus Shipping Council
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