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**SHIPPING DEPUTY MINISTRY**

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To all Registered owners, Registered bareboat charterers  
Managers and Representatives of ships flying the Cyprus Flag

To all Owners, Managers, Representatives and  
Agents in Cyprus of Ships, irrespective of flag they are flying,  
calling at Cyprus ports

**Subject: Entry into force of amendments to IMO International Conventions and Instruments: November 2022 to January 2023**

I refer to the above subject and I wish to inform you of the forthcoming entry into force of amendments to International Conventions and Instruments as shown in the below **Table**:

<b>Date of entry into force</b>	<b>International Convention/ Instrument</b>	<b>Description</b>
1 November 2022	<b>MARPOL amendments Annex VI</b>	<b>Annex VI</b> Entry into force of Revised MARPOL Annex VI - including carbon intensity measures (requirements for ships to calculate their Energy Efficiency Existing Ship Index (EEXI) following technical means to improve their energy efficiency and to establish their annual operational carbon intensity indicator (CII) and CII rating.  <b>IMO Resolution:</b> Resolution MEPC.328(76) adopted on 17 June 2021.
	<b>Annex I</b>	<b>Annex I</b> Entry into force of amendments to MARPOL Annex I (addition of a new regulation 43A) to introduce a prohibition on the use and carriage for use as fuel of heavy fuel oil (HFO) by ships in Arctic waters on and after 1 July 2024. The prohibition will cover the use and carriage for use as fuel of oils having a density at 15°C higher than 900 kg/m <sup>3</sup> or a kinematic viscosity at 50°C higher than 180 mm <sup>2</sup> /s. Ships engaged in securing the safety of ships, or in search and rescue operations, and ships dedicated to oil spill preparedness and response would be exempted. Ships which meet certain construction standards with regard to oil fuel tank protection would need to comply on and after 1 July 2029.

	Annexes I and IV	<p><b>IMO Resolution:</b> Resolution MEPC.329(76) adopted on 17 June 2021.</p> <p><b>Annexes I and IV</b> Entry into force of amendments to MARPOL Annexes I and IV concerning the exemption of UNSP barges from survey and certification requirements. The amendment specifies that the Administration may exempt a UNSP barge from the annual survey and certification requirements, for a period not exceeding 5 years provided that the UNSP barge has undergone a survey to confirm that certain conditions are met. The amendments also provide the form for the International Oil Pollution Exemption Certificate for Unmanned Non-self-propelled Barges.</p> <p><b>IMO Resolution:</b> Resolution MEPC.330(76) adopted on 17 June 2021.</p>
1 January 2023	<p><b>MARPOL amendments</b></p> <p>Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan (SEEMP)</p>	<p><b>Entry into effect of carbon intensity measures including CII</b></p> <p>On or before 1 January 2023, the Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan (SEEMP) shall include methodology for calculating the ship's attained annual operational CII and the required annual operational CII.</p> <p>Operational CII - After the end of calendar year 2023 and after the end of each following calendar year, each ship of 5,000 gross tonnage and above, shall calculate the attained annual operational CII over a 12-month period from 1 January to 31 December for the preceding calendar year.</p> <p>The Attained annual operational CII shall be documented and verified against the required annual operational CII to determine operational carbon intensity rating A, B, C, D or E, indicating a major superior, minor superior, moderate, minor inferior, or inferior performance level, either by the Administration or by any organization duly authorized by it.</p> <p>A ship rated D for 3 consecutive years or rated as E shall develop a plan of corrective actions to achieve the required annual operational CII.</p> <p><b>IMO Resolution:</b> Resolution MEPC.328(76) adopted on 17 June 2021.</p>
1 January 2023	<b>STCW Code</b>	<p>Amendments to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), adding the definition of "high-voltage" in STCW regulation I/1.</p> <p>Amendments to section A-I/1 of the STCW Code, including the capacity "electro-technical officer" in the definition of "operational level", as a consequential amendment to the introduction of this capacity as part of the 2010 Manila Amendments.</p>

		<b>IMO Resolution:</b> Resolution MSC.486(103) and Resolution MSC.487(103) adopted on 13 May 2021.
1 January 2023	<b>SOLAS</b> 2011 ESP Code	Amendments to the International Code on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers, 2011 (2011 ESP Code), relating to thickness measurements at the first renewal survey of double hull oil tanker.  <b>IMO Resolution:</b> Resolution MSC.483(103) adopted on 13 May 2021.
1 January 2023	<b>AFS Convention</b> Annex 1 and 4	Amendments to the IMO Convention for the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships (AFS Convention), to include controls on the biocide cybutryne. Ships shall not apply or re-apply anti-fouling systems containing this substance from 1 January 2023. Ships shall remove or apply a coating to AFS with this substance at the next scheduled renewal of the anti-fouling system after 1 January 2023, but no later than 60 months following the last application to the ship of an anti-fouling system containing cybutryne.  <b>IMO Resolution:</b> Resolution MEPC. 331(76) adopted on 17 June 2021.



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