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To all Registered Owners, Registered Bareboat Charterers, Managers and Representatives of Ships flying the Cyprus Flag

Related Circulars

Circulars No. <u>25/2016</u>, <u>29/2016</u> and <u>18/2017</u>

#### Subject: Electronic Seafarers Application System (eSAS) User Guide Version 6

With reference to the above subject, I hereby wish to inform you of the following:

- 1 The electronic Seafarers Application System (eSAS User Guide) is amended and a new version 6 is in use and is attached hereto (**Appendix 1**).
- The amendments are on page no 13 of the User Guide (Instructions for the submission of documents and photograph) and are the following:
  - a) The copy of the medical fitness certificate required to be uploaded with the pdf file must be issued by a Practitioner recognized by a Party of the STCW78 Convention as amended.
  - b) A verification of the above-mentioned medical fitness certificate must be included into the pdf file and uploaded into the eSAS system.
  - c) Declaration form for master, chief officer, chief engineer officer and second engineer officer, which is attached hereto (**Appendix 2**), must be signed and a copy of this must be included into the pdf file and uploaded into the eSAS system.

This Circular must be placed on board vessels flying the Cyprus flag.

Liana Charalambous Tanos Acting Permanent Secretary

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- Maritime Offices of the Shipping Deputy Ministry abroad
- Inspectors of Cyprus Ships
- Cyprus Shipping Chamber
- Cyprus Union of Ship-owners
- Cyprus Master Mariners Association
- Association of Merchant Marine Officers
- Recognised maritime training schools
- Trade Union SEK
- Trade Union PEO
- Trade Union DEOK
- Cyprus Bar Association





# **ELECTRONIC SEAFARERS APPLICATIONS SYSTEM – e-SAS User Guide.**



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### **GENERAL**

Link - http://esas.dms.gov.cy/forms/frmservlet?config=pesas

System requirements:

Browser: preferable Internet Explorer due to the use of JAVA. The above link shall be inserted in Java security exception site list (see instructions in ANNEX 2).

**Appreviations:** 

**CoC** Certificate of competency

**DMS** Shipping Deputy Ministry

**ENDORSEMENT** Endorsement attesting the recognition of a foreign CoC

**SISRB** Seafarers Identification and Sea Service Record Book

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Use the username and password provided by DMS. The password is case sensitive.

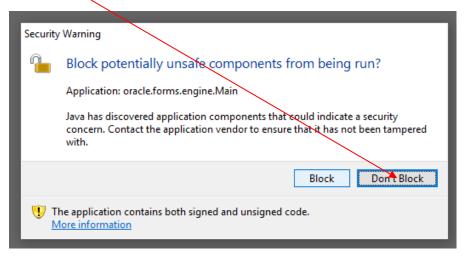
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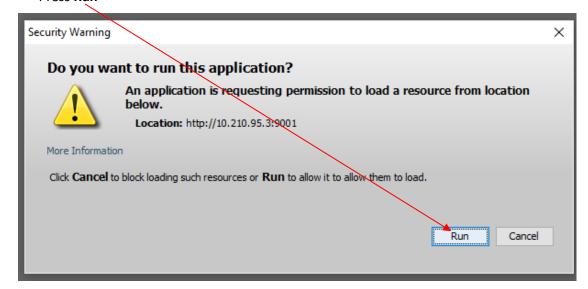
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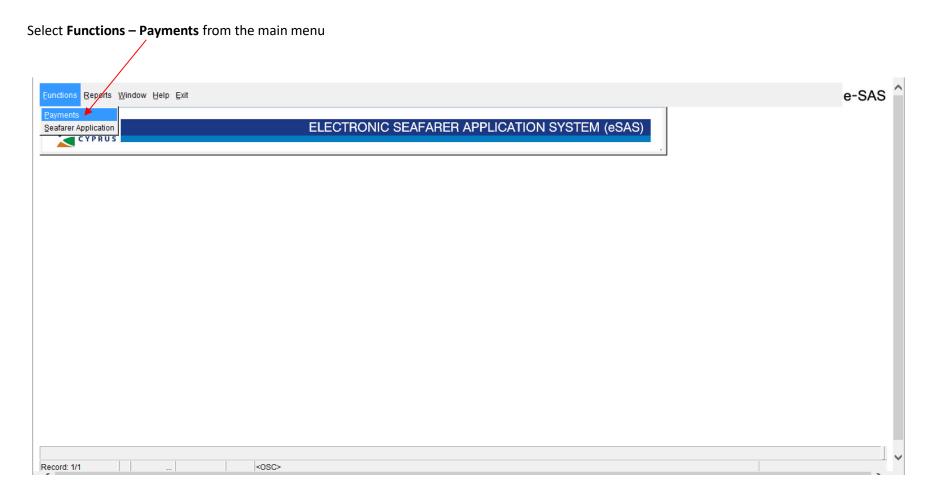


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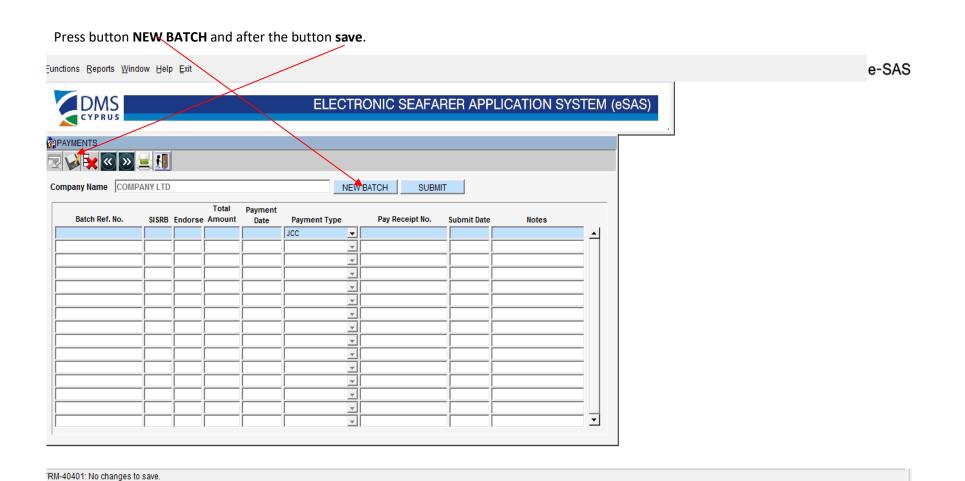
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# **CREATE A BATCH OF APPLICATIONS**



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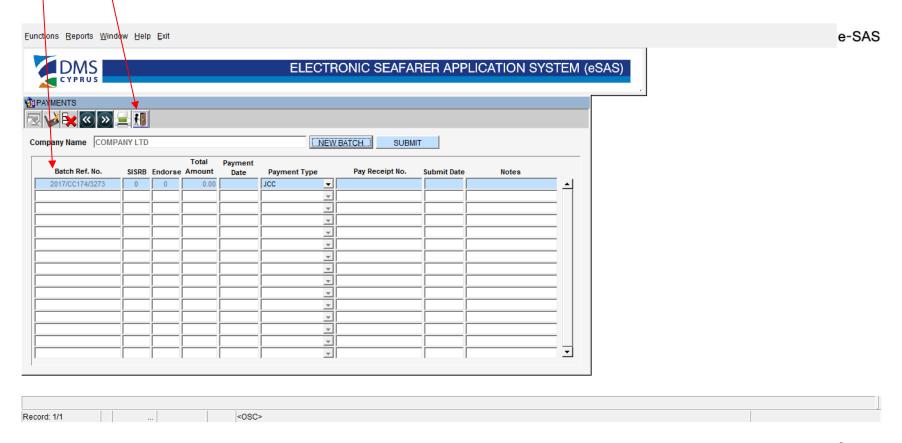
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A Batch Ref. No. is automatically created.

Press button exit to return to the main menu.

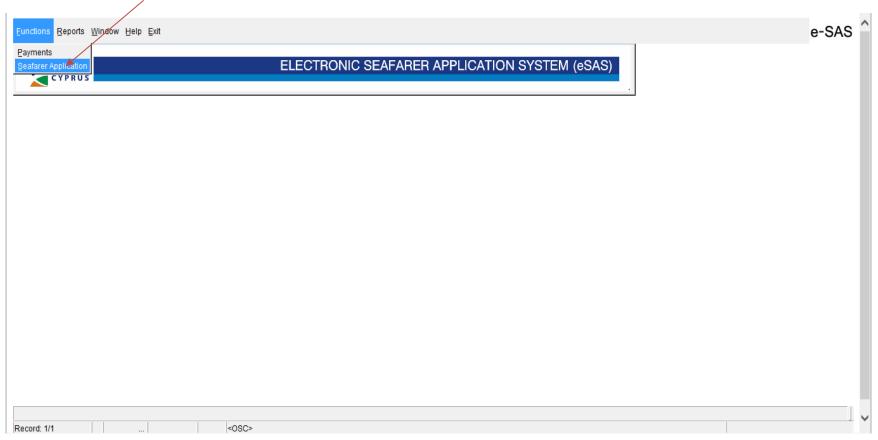


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## **COMPLETE SEAFARERS APPLICATIONS**

### **Select Functions- Seafarer Application**



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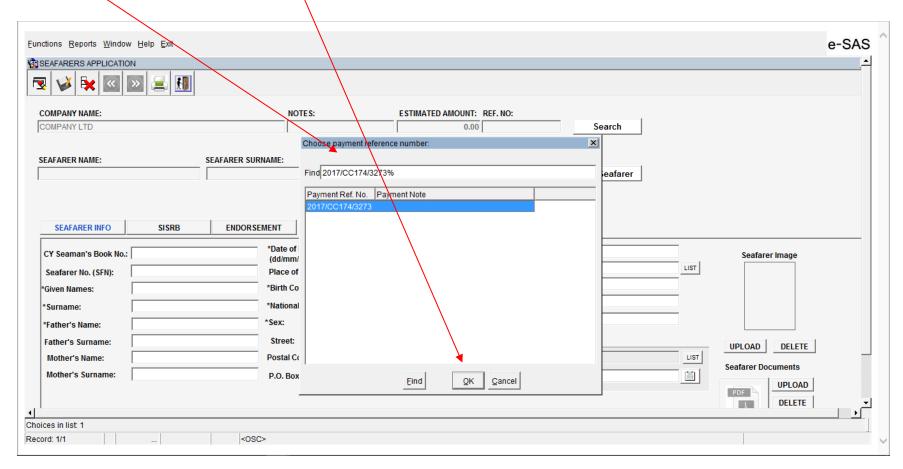
Press **Search** and select the **Batch Ref. No**. from the list.

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COMPANY NAME: COMPANY LTD	NOTES:	ESTIMATED AMOUNT: REF. NO:  0.00 Search	
SEAFARER NAME:	SEAFARER SURNAME:	DATE OF BIRTH: Find Seafarer Add Seafarer	
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Seafarer No. (SFN):	Place of Birth:		LIST
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## Select the **Batch Ref. No**. from the list and press **OK**



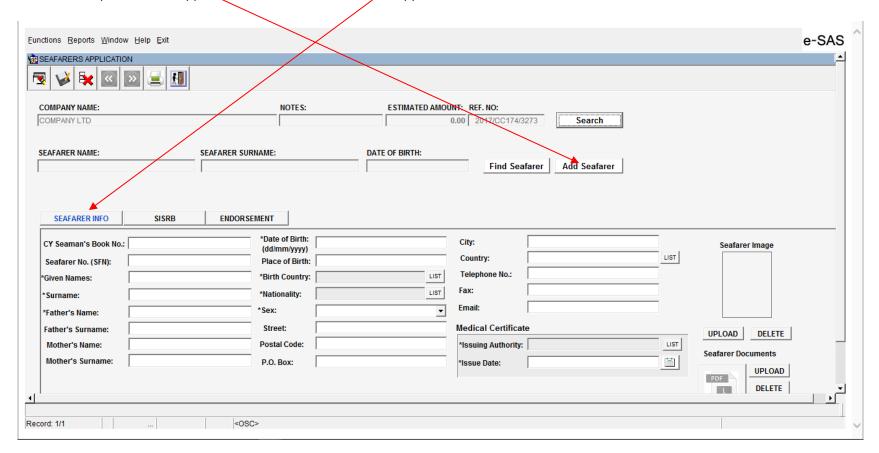
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#### Completion of **SEAFARER INFO** form

Press the button Add Seafarer and start complete the form SEAFARER INFO.

After the completion of an application use **Add Seafarer** to add applications for more than one seafarer in the same batch.



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## Instructions for the submission of documents and photograph.

If the seafarer is a holder of a CY Seaman's Book fill the "CY Seaman's Book No." field and "Seafarer No. (SFN)" field if known and proceed to the completion of the next fields and upload photo and documents.

Photo spec.	Documents spec.
Photo should be in colour in a JPEG format file with the following properties.  Resolution: 100x100 dpi  File Size: less than 30k  Size: width - 3cm, high – 4cm	All documents must be combined in a single PDF file of a size not more than 4 Mb.

**ONLY** the following documents must be included in the single PDF file.

A. Application for SISRB	B. Application for endorsement <sup>1</sup> (only for officers)		
	B.1 Master and Deck officers	B.2 Engine and Electrotechnical officers	
1. ID document (only the pages which are	1. Certificate of competency and endorsement if any.	1. Certificate of competency and endorsement if any.	
required for the ID)	2. GMDSS Certificate of competency and	2. Tankers Training Certificate if any.	
2. Medical fitness certificate issued by a	Endorsement if any.	3. Medical fitness certificate issued by a Practitioner	
Practitioner recognized by a Party of the	3. Tankers Training Certificate if any.	recognized by a Party of the STCW78 as Amended	
STCW78 as Amended Convention.	4. Medical fitness certificate issued by a Practitioner	Convention.	
3. Verification of the medical fitness certificate	recognized by a Party of the STCW78 as Amended	4. Verification of the medical fitness certificate	
4. Certificate of competency if any.	Convention.	5. Verification of authenticity for CoCs (from	
5. For renewal/replacement of a SISRB, please	5. Verification of the medical fitness certificate	2/10/2017)	
enclose copy of page 2 of the previous Cyprus	6. Verification of authenticity for CoCs (from	5. For renewal/replacement of an endorsement	
SISRB	2/10/2017)	attesting recognition of a foreign CoC, please enclose	
	7. For renewal/replacement of an endorsement	copy of the old Cyprus endorsement.	
	attesting recognition of a foreign CoC, please enclose	6. Declaration form for Chief Engineer Officer and	
	copy of the old Cyprus endorsement.	Second Engineer Officer ( <u>declaration form</u> ) <sup>2</sup>	
	8. Declaration form for Master and Chief Officer		
	(declaration form) <sup>2</sup>		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If the officer does not hold valid Cyprus SISRB you shall apply for it otherwise the application for endorsement will be rejected.

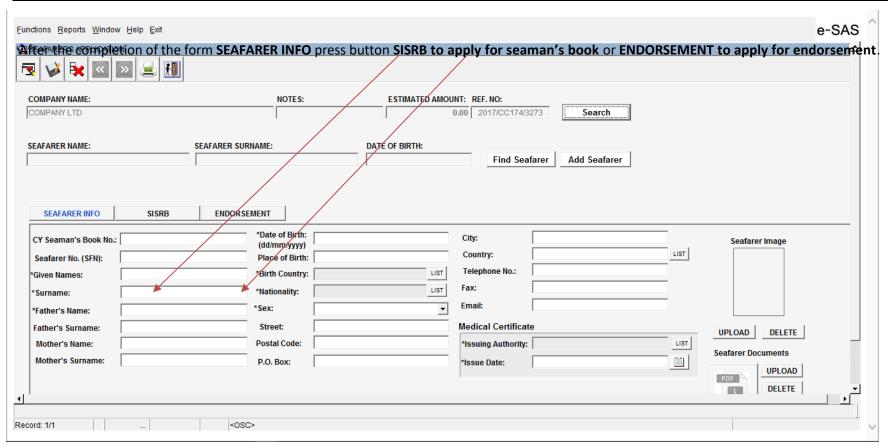
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<sup>2</sup> The Document which can be downloaded here "Familiarization with National Maritime Legislation and Requirements" must be carried with you every time you serve on board Cyprus flagged vessels

8. Declaration form for Masters and Chief Officers

(declaration form)<sup>2</sup> ( FAMILIARIZATION WITH NATIONAL

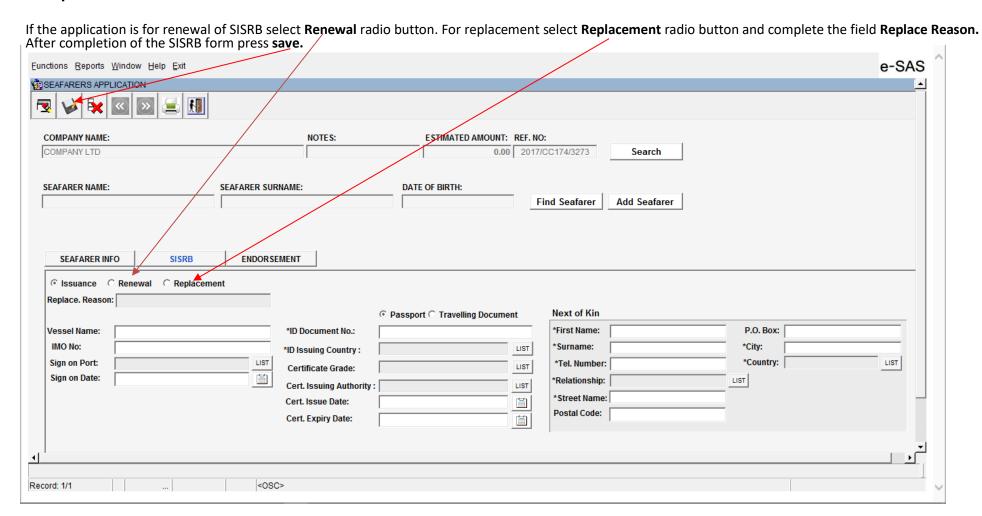
MARITIME LEGISLATION AND REQUIREMENTS)



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#### **Completion of SISRB form**



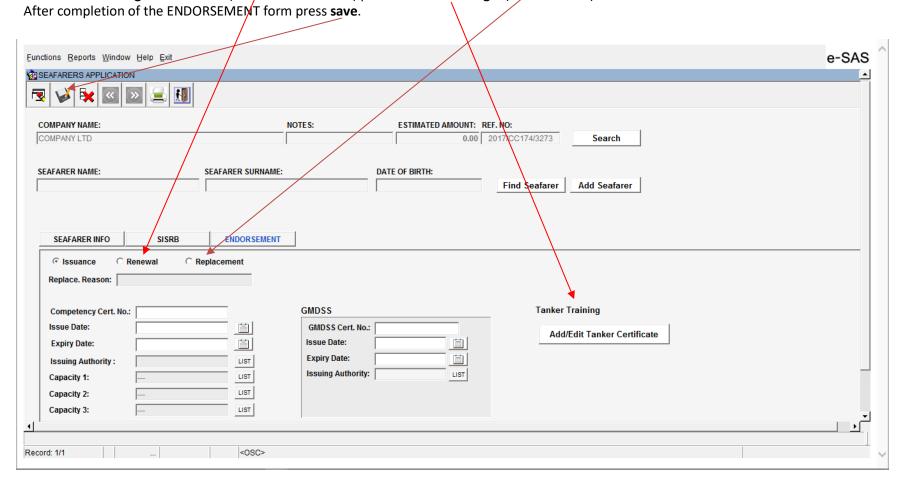
Please note that if the seafarer is a holder of a Cyprus SISRB that expires in more than one year from the date of application and the reason for replacement is not given the application will be rejected.

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## Completion of ENDORSEMENT form. (ONLY FOR MASTER AND OFFICERS)

If the application is for renewal select **Renewal** radio button. For replacement select **Replacement** radio button and complete the field **Replace Reason**. For **Tanker Training** endorsement (ONLY FOR OFFICERS) press **Tanker Training 9** (Screen no. 12)



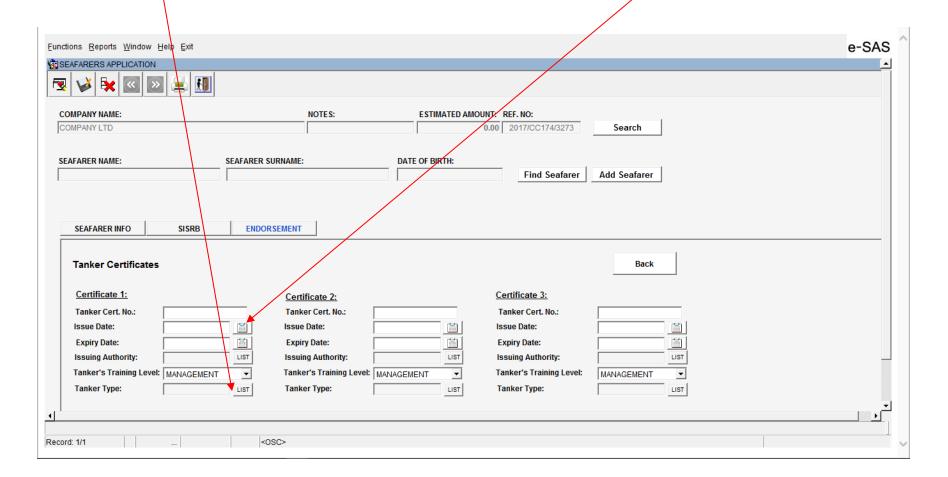
Please note that if the seafarer is a holder of a Cyprus ENDORSEMENT that expires in more than six months from the date of application and the reason for replacement is not given the application will be rejected.

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#### **Tanker Endorsement (ONLY FOR MASTER AND OFFICERS)**

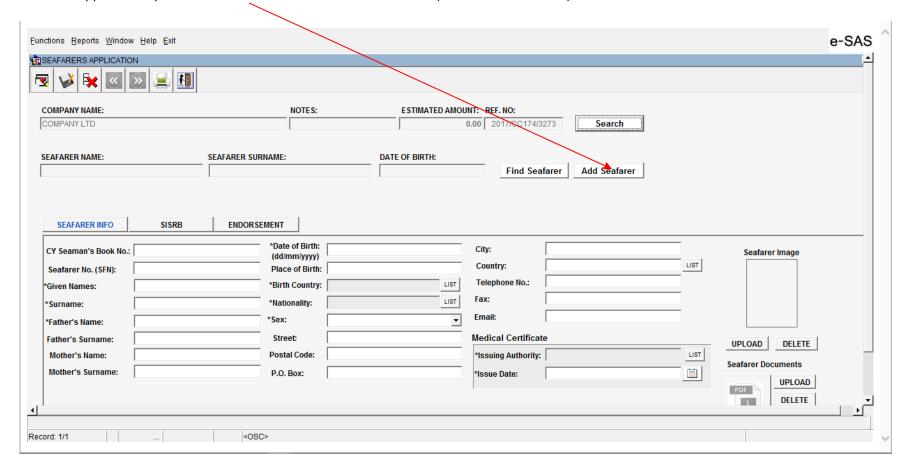
Up to three different certificates of proficiency for Tankers may completed. It is important to select the correct **Tanker's Training Level** (Management or Operational) and **Tanker Type**.



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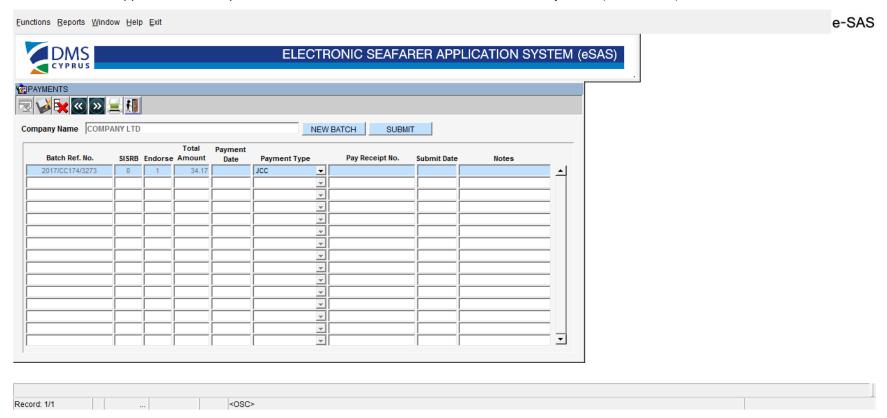
For more applications press the Add Seafarer and continue as above. (Screen nos. 8 to 12)



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### **SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS**

When the batch of applications is completed return to main menu and select Functions – Payments (screen no.2).



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#### Select the preferred Payment Type

**INVOICE** the fees are depited and can be paid on a weekly basis via bank transfer, JCC or cash payment in a DMS office.

JCC on-line prepayment with credit card (account at <u>jccsmart.com required</u>) - link: <u>https://www.jccsmart.com/e-bill/invoices/197/pay</u>

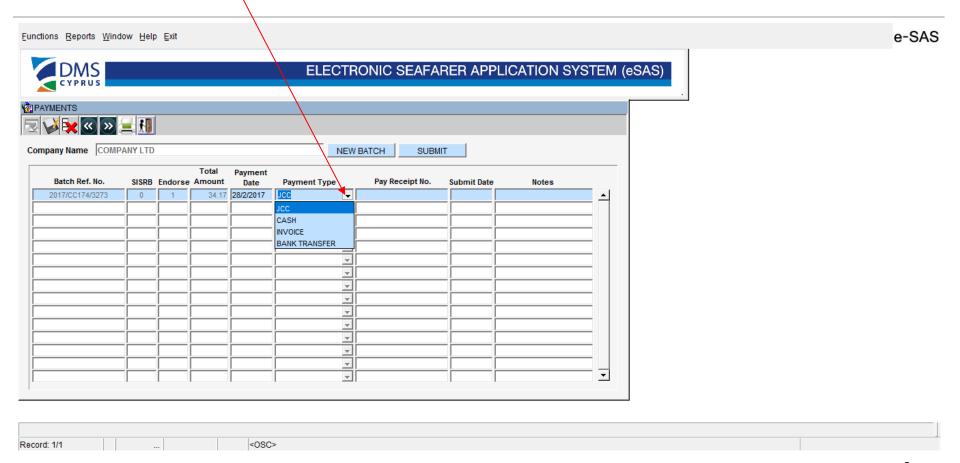
**CASH** prepayment in a DMS office

BANK TRANSFER prepayment with bank transfer to DMS bank account

Account No: 0339-01-016858-00 IBAN: CY23 0020 0339 0000 0001 0168 5800

SWIFT address (BIC Code) of Bank of Cyprus Public Company Ltd: BCYPCY2N

Note: Please give the Batch Ref. No.

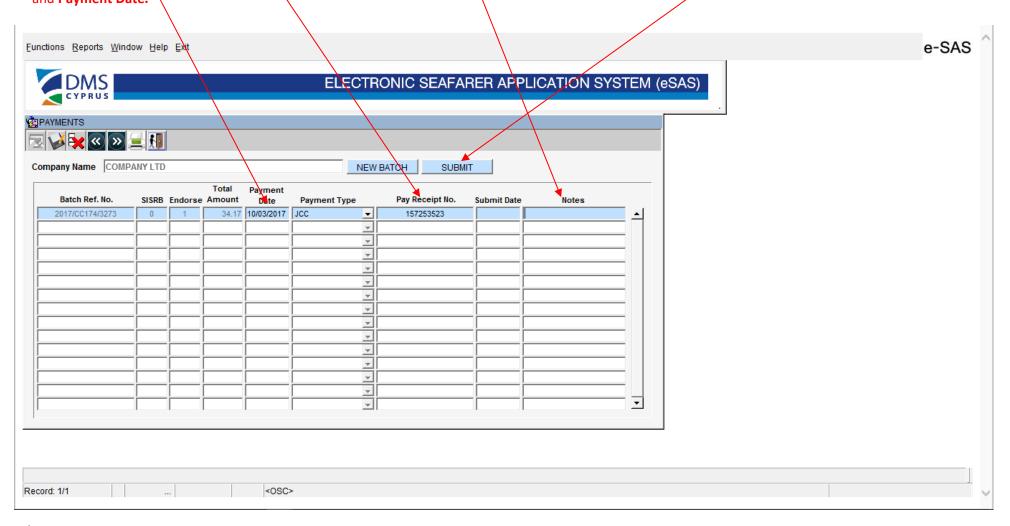


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Complete the Payment Date and Pay Receipt No. fields and write in the Notes any remark you wish and after press SUBMIT.

Pay Receipt No. is the unique number of the receipt\*. If you select the INVOICE payment type there is no need (you will not be allowed) to fill Pay Receipt No. and Payment Date.

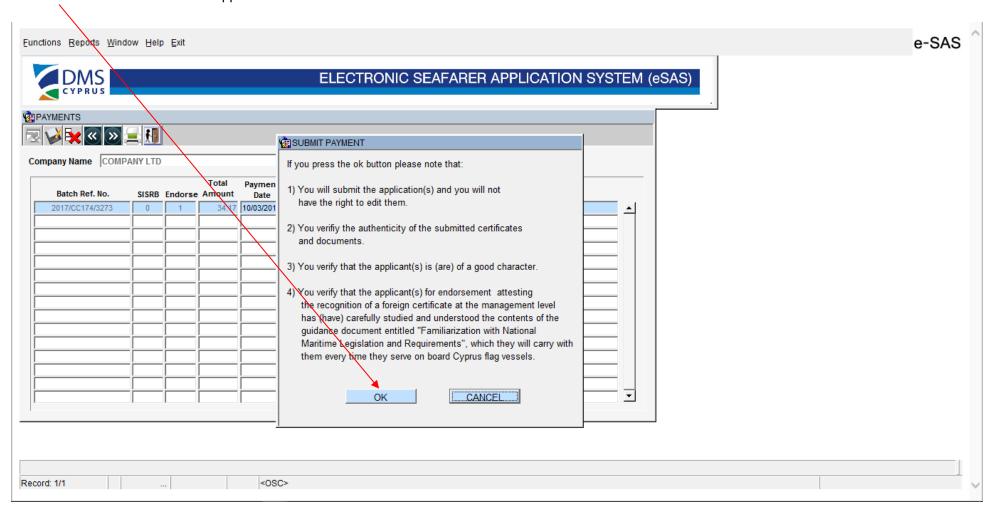


<sup>\*</sup>see examples in ANNEX 1

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Press **OK** to finish and submit the applications.

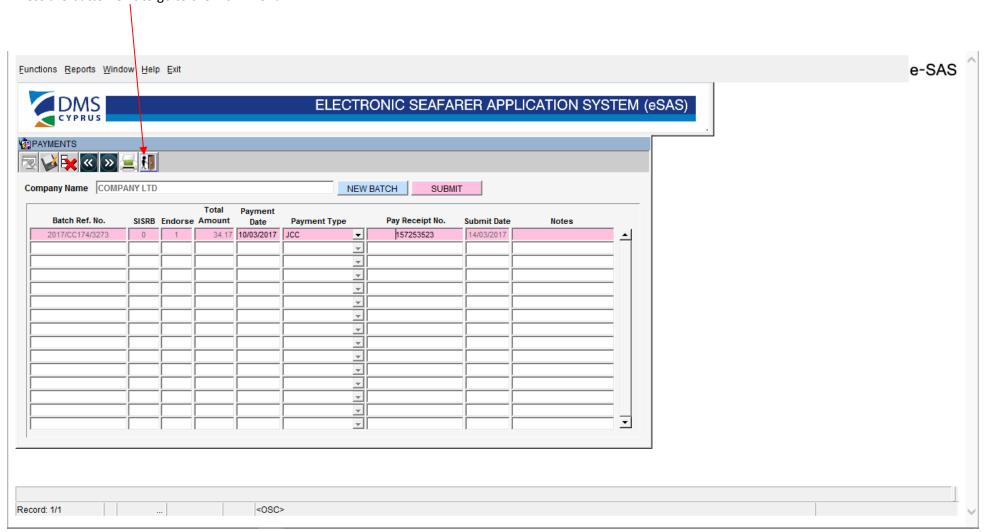


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The submitted batch of applications turned into pink.

Press the button **exit** to go to the main menu.



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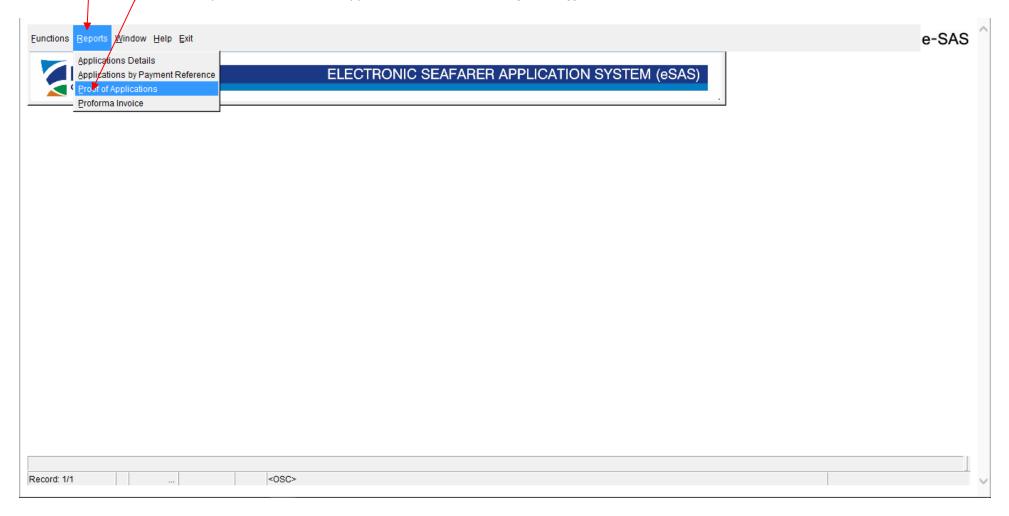
## **GENERATE THE PROOF OF APPLICATION**

Select **Reports** - **Proof of Applications** to get for each submitted application a PROOF in PDF format.

**Applications Details** provides a report of the submitted data for each seafarer.

Applications by Payment Reference provides a short report for the requested documents.

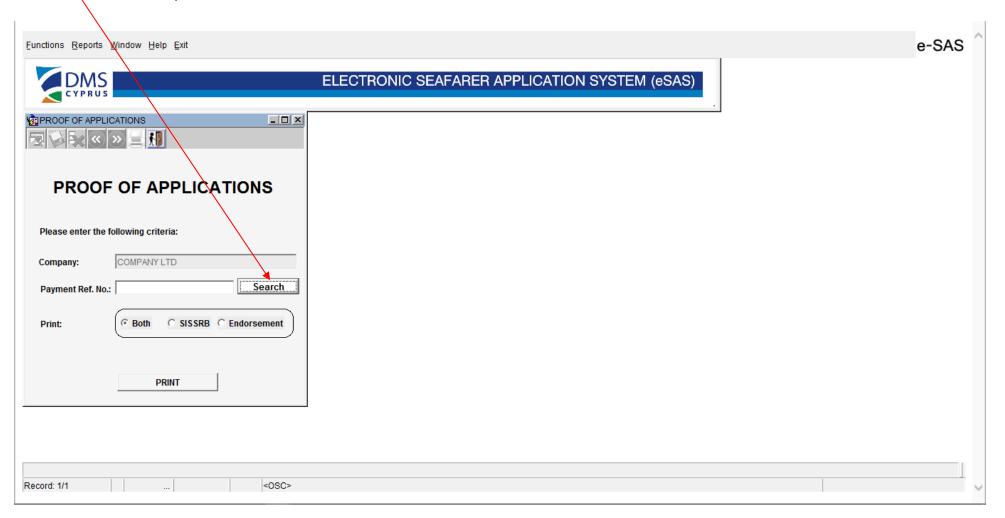
**Proforma** Invoice provides a report of the submitted applications with selected **Payment Type** the **INVOICE.** 



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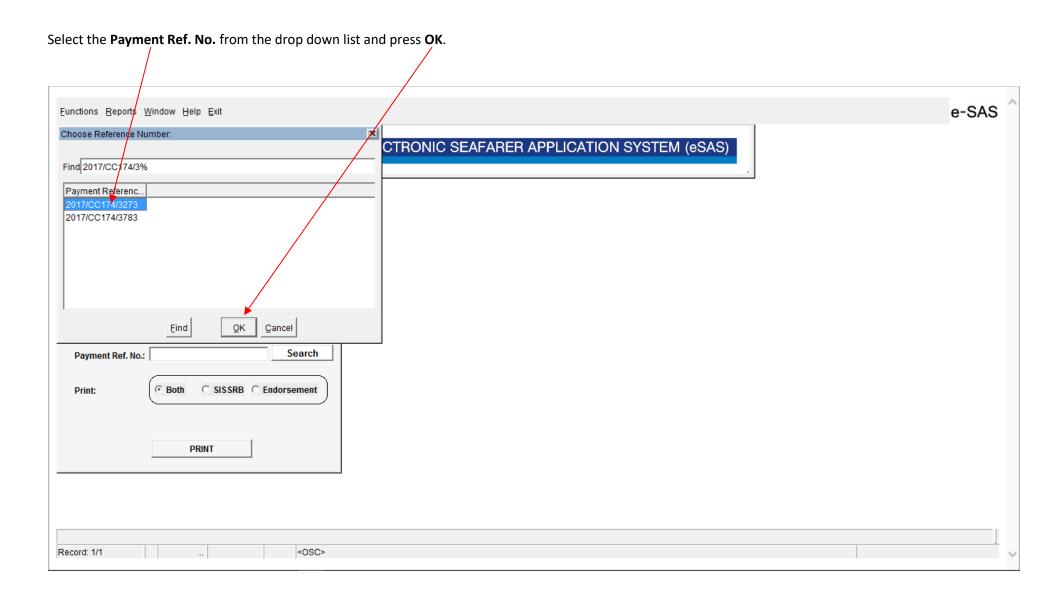
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Press Search to find the preferred Batch Ref. No.



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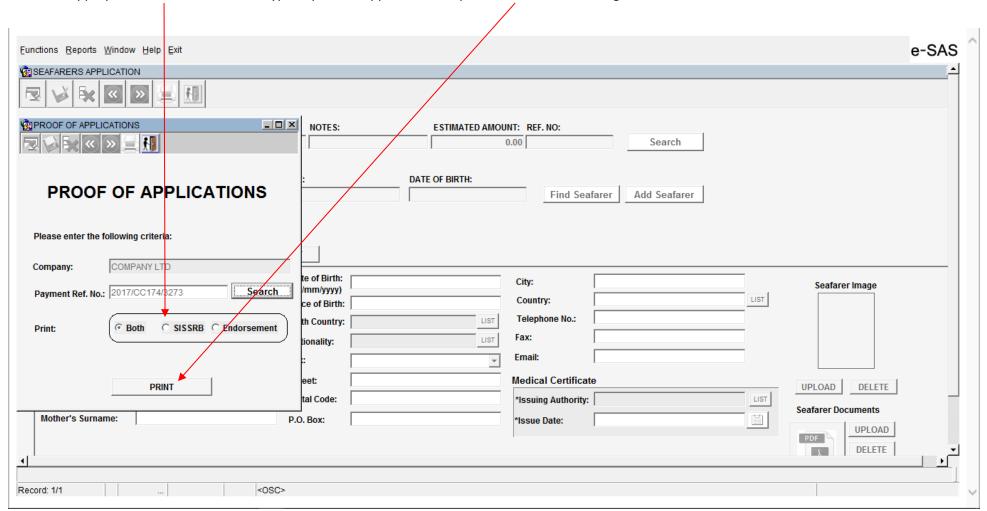


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### **Proof of application**

Select the appropriate radio button for the type of proof of application and press **PRINT.** A PDF file is generated.

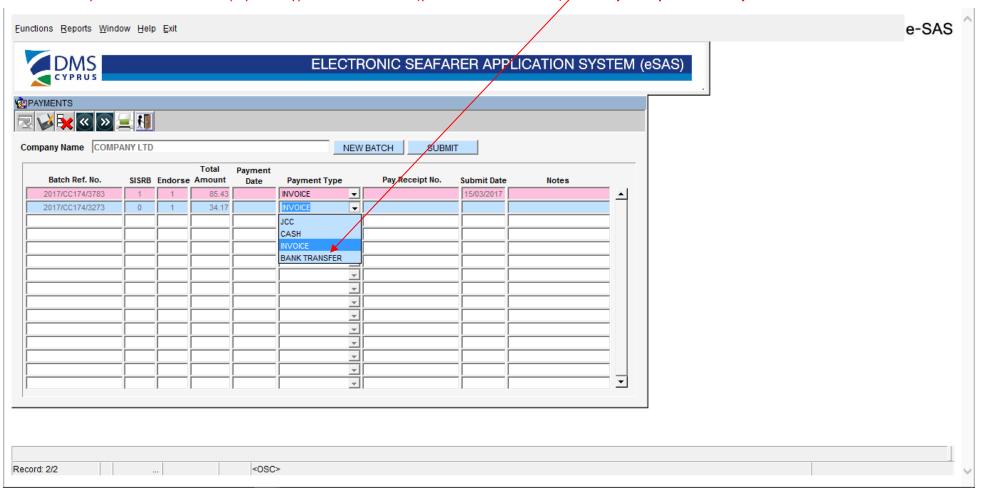


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# **Instructions for Payment Type INVOICE**

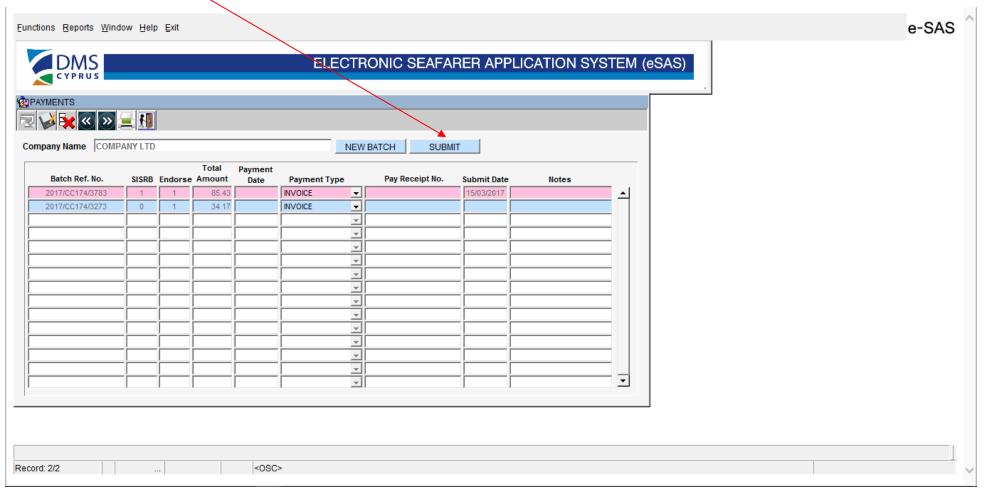
If a Company select to pay for the submitted applications on a weekly basis the **Payment Type INVOICE** shall be selected for each batch of applications before the submission. If you select the **INVOICE** payment type there is no need (you will not be allowed) to fill **Pay Receipt No.** and **Payment Date.** 



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Press **SUBMIT.** The applications are submitted (turned pink) and you may proceed to generate the Proof of Application with the same procedure as described in screen nos. 18 to 21. The fees for the application shall be paid by next Friday or next working day if it happens to be a public holiday otherwise the proof of application will be considered invalid. The Company shall print the proforma Invoice (see screen nos. 24 and 25) every Friday and pay the fees and inform the DMS. The settlement of account will be effected within two working days after the a.m. information received. After the settlement the paid applications will not be shown in the proforma invoice.

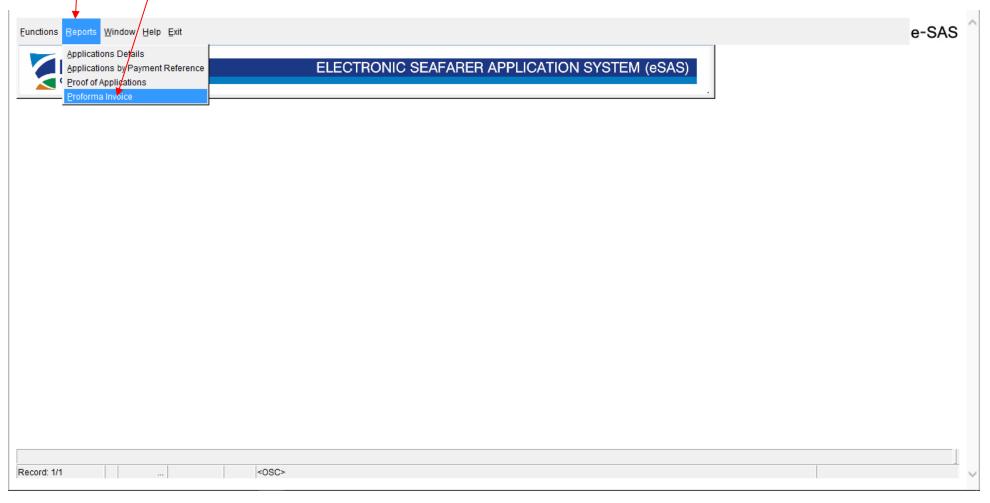


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#### Generate the Proforma Invoice

Select **Reports – Proforma Invoice** from main menu. A proforma Invoice is generated where all the pending for payment batches of application are included. The fees for the application shall be paid by next Friday or next working day if it happens to be a public holiday otherwise the proof of application will be considered invalid. The Company shall print the Proforma Invoice every Friday and pay the fees and inform the DMS. The settlement of account will be effected within two working days after the a.m. information received. After the settlement the paid applications will not be shown in the proforma invoice.

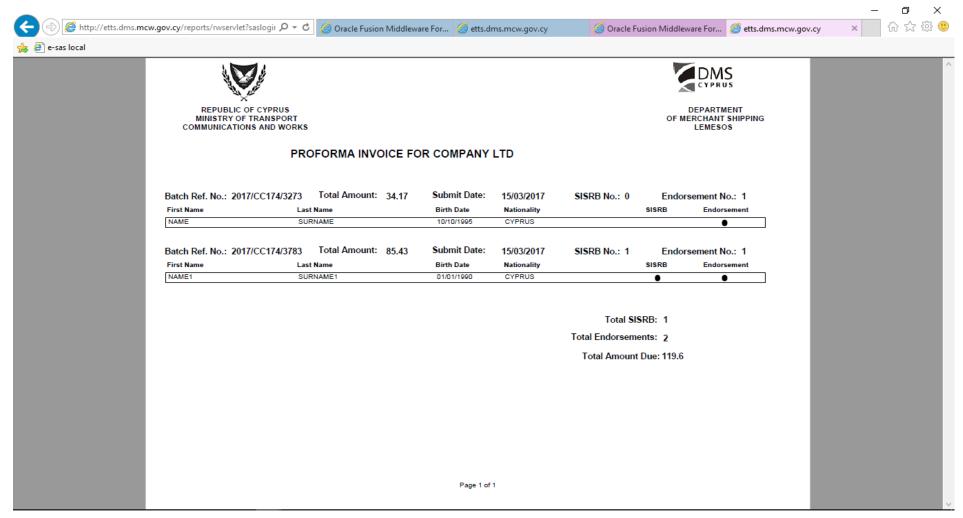


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#### Payment of amount due as per the Proforma Invoice

The total amount due shall be paid every Friday or next working day if it happens to be a public holiday otherwise the proof of application will be considered invalid. The Company shall print the Proforma Invoice every Friday and pay the fees and inform the DMS sending an email to <a href="mailto:seafarers@dms.gov.cy">seafarers@dms.gov.cy</a> and <a href="mailto:anconstantinou@dms.gov.cy">anconstantinou@dms.gov.cy</a> with the proforma invoice and payment receipt attached. The payment can be made by bank transfer, JCC, or cash at a DMS office. The settlement of account will be effected within two working days after the a.m. information received. After the settlement of account the paid applications will not be shown in the proforma invoice.



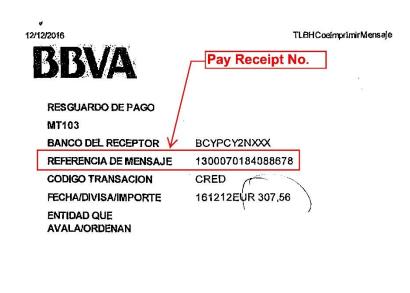
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# **ANNEX 1 - Samples of payments receipt no.**



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BENEFICIARIO

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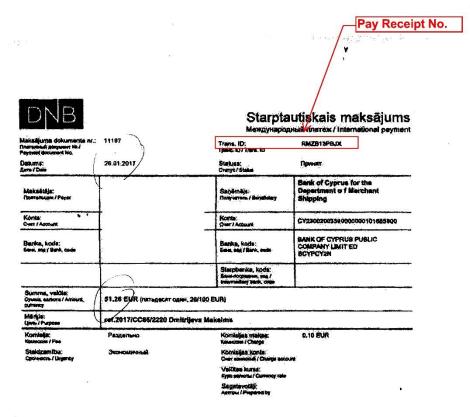
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**DETALLES DEL PAGO** 

S/BOOK

**DETALLE DE GASTOS** NOMBRE ORDENANTE 1° COD.IDENT.BENEFICIARIO



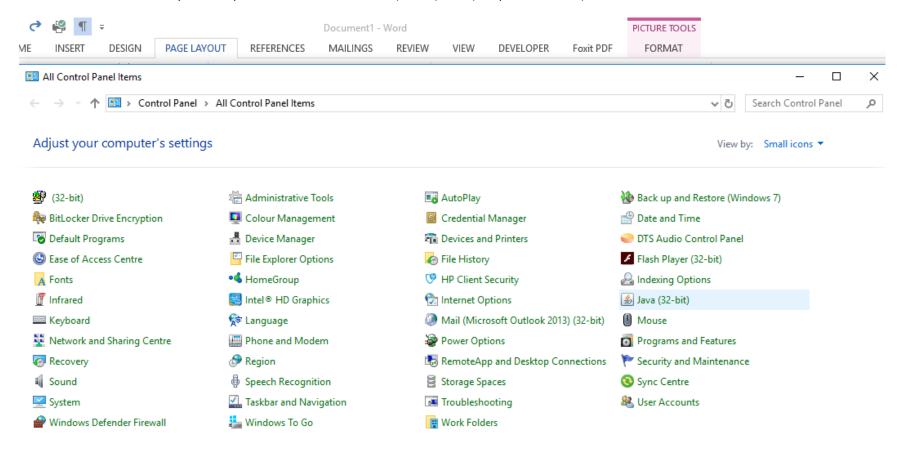
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## **ANNEX 2 - Configuration of the Java security settings**

Java security settings must be configured in order the browser (Internet Explorer version 11) be able to load and launch Java application from eSAS url. This will be achieved by adding the eSAS url to the Java exception site list. The following steps describe this procedure.

Please note that eSAS web application can be accessed only through Internet Explorer browser. Also note that the Java (32-bit) and not the 64-bit version must be installed.

1. Go to the Control Panel on your computer and click on the Java (32-bit) icon (see picture below).

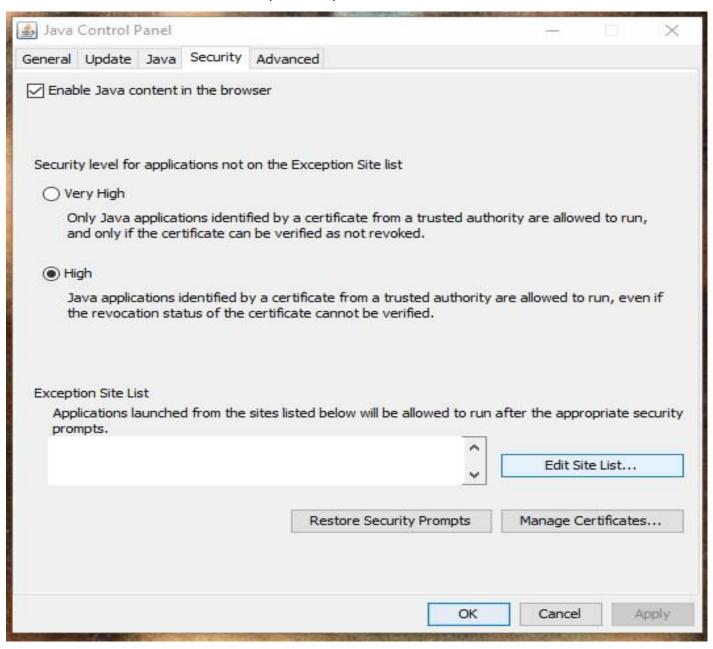


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Check if only one version of order to see the versions of	Java is installed (see picture below Java that are installed. Only one sh	v). The "Java Control Panel" would appear. If there exist mo	rindow will appear. Select "Java re, remove (uninstall) the older	" tab and click on the "View" butto versions.
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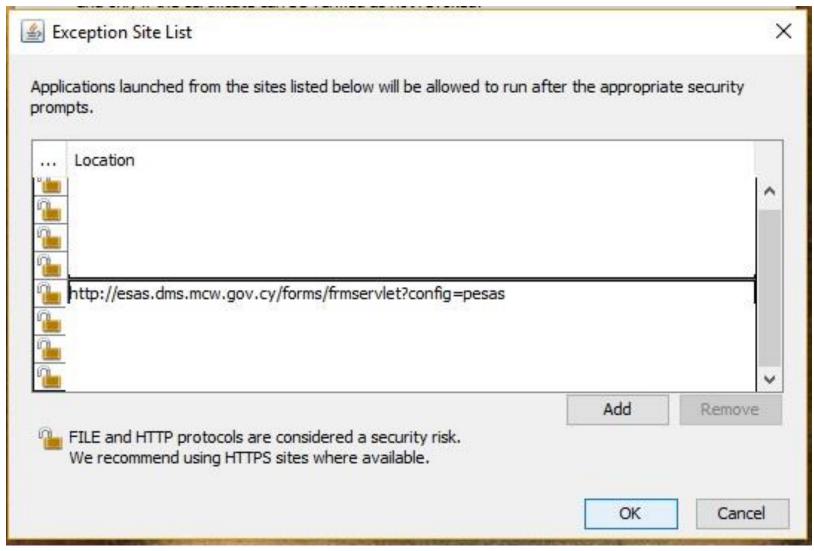
3. Select the "Security" tab and then click ok "Edit Site List" button (see below).



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4. Click on the "Add" button on the new window that will appear (see below). Then on the row that has the (!) icon, add the following: <a href="http://esas.dms.mcw.gov.cy">http://esas.dms.mcw.gov.cy</a>, then click "Add", then "Continue" -> OK -> OK.

Close Java control Panel and (Windows) Control Panel. Re-launch Internet Explorer and go to the eSAS webpage.



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To:
Shipping Deputy Ministry
Kyllinis Street
Mesa Geitonia
CY-4007 Lemesos
P.O Box 56193

<b>DECLARATION</b>
I the undersigned(Name) (Surname)
Citizen of holder of passport /Seaman's book
No
issued by the competent Authorities of
(Passport or Seaman's book Issuing Authority)
born on the  (Date of birth [date/month/Year])
at(Birth Place)
Declare that:
I have carefully studied and understood the contents of the guidance document entitled "Familiarization with National Maritime Legislation and Requirements", which I will carry with me every time I serve on board Cyprus flag vessels.

# REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS SHIPPING DEPUTY MINISTRY



# FAMILIARISATION WITH NATIONAL MARITIME LEGISLATION AND REQUIREMENTS

For senior officers serving on board Cyprus Ships

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#### 1. Preface:

The purpose of this Guidance Document is to familiarize Masters and Senior Officers (Chief Officers, Chief Engineer Officers and Second Engineer Officers) serving on board Cyprus vessels with the Cyprus National Legislation and Requirements relevant to their duties and responsibilities.

It is not intended with this document to substitute the Cyprus Maritime Law or Regulations, and readers are encouraged to study the actual text of Cyprus Laws and Regulations.

Regulation I/10 (*Recognition of Certificates*) of the STCW78 Convention as amended requires that Masters and Senior Officers must have an appropriate knowledge of the maritime legislation of the Flag State Administration, relevant to the function they are permitted to perform, prior to the issue of an endorsement attesting the recognition of their Certificates of competency by the Flag State Administration.

In view of the above, Masters and Senior Officers applying for the issue of an endorsement attesting the recognition of a non-Cyprus Certificate of competency, are kindly requested to study carefully the contents of this document, prior to signing the declaration form (Form MS.TC 3) shown in the last page.

Masters and Senior Officers must carry this guidance document with them while serving on board Cyprus flag vessels.

The attention of Masters and Senior Officers serving on board Cyprus flag vessels is drawn to the fact that SDM Surveyors will, on random basis, examine individual Masters and Senior Officers as to their knowledge and understanding of Cyprus Legislation and requirements. Seafarers who fail to demonstrate that they have a basic knowledge and understating of the Cyprus Legislation and requirements, relevant to their duties and responsibilities may have their endorsements attesting the recognition of a non-Cyprus Certificate, suspended or withdrawn.

#### 2. REFERENCES

- 1. Merchant Shipping (Masters and Seamen's) Laws 1963 to 1997.
- 2. Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Hours of Work and Watchkeeping) Law 105(I) of 2000 as amended
- 3. Merchant Shipping (Criminal and Disciplinary Liability of Seafarers, Suspension or Cancellation of Certificates) Law 106(I) of 2000 as amended.
- 4. Merchant Shipping (Medical Examination of Seafarers and Issue of Certificates) Law 107(I) of 2000 as amended.
- 5. Merchant Shipping (Registration of seafarers and Seafarer's Register) Law 108(I) of 2000 as amended
- 6. Merchant Shipping (Issue and Recognition of Certificates and Marine Training) Law 27(I) of 2008 as amended

#### 3. **DEFINITIONS**

<b>Permanent Secretary:</b> means the Permanen	t Secretar	y of Sh	ութթւոջ	Deput	y Ministry
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**SDM:** means the Shipping Deputy Ministry

**Crew:** means all seafarers serving onboard a vessel

**Master:** means the person having command of the ship

Officer: means the Chief Mate (officer), Deck Officer, Chief Engineer Officer,

Second Engineer Officer, Engineer Officer and Radio Operator

**Deck Officer:** means an officer qualified in accordance with the provisions of chapter II

of the STCW78 Convention as amended

Chief Mate(officer): means the officer next in rank to the master and upon whom the

command of the ship will fall in the event of the incapacity of the master

**Engineer Officer:** means an officer qualified in accordance with the provisions of chapter

III of the STCW78 Convention as amended

**Chief Engineer Officer:** means the senior engineer officer responsible for the mechanical

propulsion and the operation and maintenance of the mechanical and

electrical installations of the ship

**Second Engineer Officer:** means the engineer officer next in rank to the chief engineer officer and

upon whom the responsibility for the mechanical propulsion and the operation and maintenance of the mechanical and electrical installations of the ship will fall in the event of the incapacity of the chief engineer

officer

Radio Operator: means a person holding an appropriate certificate issued or recognized

by the Administration under the provisions of the Radio Regulations

**Rating:** means a member of the ship's crew other than the master or an officer

STCW Code: means the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW)

Code as adopted by the 1995 Conference resolution 2, as amended

**Company:** means the owner of the ship or any other organization or person such as

the manager, or the bareboat charterer, who has assumed the responsibility for the operation of the ship from the shipowner and who, on assuming such responsibility, has agreed to take over all the duties and responsibilities imposed on the company by the national legislation.

#### 4. CERTIFICATION OF SEAFARERS

Each seafarer assigned to a Cyprus flag vessel must hold an **appropriate certificate** with respect to his position and duties. Original certificates (Not Photocopies) shall be carried on board at all times, while the seafarer is serving on board.

**Appropriate Certificate** is considered to include all Certificates and documentary evidence or endorsement required by the STCW78 Convention as amended for a specific position and duty, which may include but not limited to those shown below:

Certificate of competency
 Cargo Handling Training
 Endorsement from the issuing Administration
 Tanker Familiarisation Training

3. Endorsement from the Cyprus Administration
 4. Certificate of continued proficiency and Updating of 21. Chemical tanker Training

Knowledge

5. Radar observation and plotting training 22. Liquefied tanker Training

6. Automatic Radar Plotting Aid training
 7. General Radio Operators Certificate
 23. Crowd management Training for ro-ro passenger ships
 24. Familiarisation Training for ro-ro passenger ships

8. Watch keeping Certificate / Authorisation documents 25. Safety training for ro-ro passenger ships

9. Certificate of proficiency in survival craft 26. Passenger safety ,cargo safety and hull integrity training for ro-ro passenger

ships

10. Certificate of proficiency in fast rescue boats 27. Crisis management and human behaviour training for ro-ro passenger ships

11. Basic Safety Training28. Crowd management Training for passenger ships12. Familiarisation Training29. Familiarisation Training for passenger ships

13. Safety Familiarisation Training or instruction 30. Safety training for passenger ships

14. Advance fire-fighting Training 31. Passenger safety training for passenger ships

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15. Medical first Aid Training

32. Crisis management and human behaviour training for passenger ships

16. Take Charge of medical care on board ship Training

17. Certificate of fitness (Medical)

#### Failure of a seafarer to hold the original appropriate certificate may result in the immediate detention of the vessel.

In accordance with Article 21of the Merchant Shipping (Criminal and Disciplinary Liability of Seafarers) Law 106(I) of 2000 as amended, any Master who engages a person on board a Cyprus flag vessel without appropriate certificate(s) commits a criminal offence, punishable with a fine up to five thousand Cyprus pounds

#### 5. FRAUDULENT CERTIFICATES

Any seafarer found serving on board a Cyprus flag vessel with fraudulent (fake) certificates will be banned from serving on board Cyprus flag vessels **for life**.

In accordance with Article 22 of the Merchant Shipping (Criminal and Disciplinary Liability of Seafarers) Law 106(I) of 2000 as amended, any seafarer who attempts to be engaged or achieves to be engaged on board a Cyprus flag vessel with the use of fraudulent (fake) certificate(s), commits a criminal offence, **punishable with a fine up to three thousand Cyprus pounds and / or imprisonment up to two years**.

#### 6. MEDICAL FITNESS CERTIFICATE

All seafarers serving on board Cyprus flag vessel must hold a valid Medical Fitness Certificate.

The Medical Fitness Certificate must be issued in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Medical Examination (Seafarers) Convention, 1946 (No.73) and the International Convention on Standards of Training Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, STCW78, as amended, by or on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus or any other competent Authority the certificates of competency of which are recognised by the Government of the Republic of Cyprus

Medical fitness certificate is deemed valid for a period not more than two years from the date of issue, for seafarers over 18 years old and for a period of one year for seafarers 18 years old or less.

In accordance with Article 23 of the Merchant Shipping (Medical Examination of Seafarers and Issue of Medical Fitness Certificates) Law 107(I) of 2000 the Master or any other seafarer who allows the engagement of a seafarer on board a Cyprus flag vessel without a valid Medical Fitness Certificate commits a criminal offence, **punishable with a fine up to five thousand Cyprus pounds and / or imprisonment up to two years**.

#### 7. DOCUMENTS FILE

All the **original** documents related to the training and certification of seafarers serving on board, must be kept in a documents file on board the ship, by the Master (or a person authorized by the Master) and be presented for inspection by flag Authority and port Authorities when required.

The documents file must be organized in such a manner that all documents concerning a specific crewmember are kept in a single folder and all the folders are filed in the documents file, in accordance with the crew list.

#### 8. SAFE MANNING

Each vessel must be manned in accordance with the Document of Safe Manning issued by the Cyprus Administration.

If the vessel does not have a valid Document of Safe Manning or is not manned in accordance with the requirements of the Document of Safe Manning this may result in the immediate detention of the vessel

It is the obligation of the Master to ensure that the vessel has a valid Document of Safe Manning and that the vessel is manned in accordance with the Document of Safe Manning.

In accordance with Article 42 of the Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Hours of Work and Watchkeeping) Law 105(I) of 2000 as amended, if the Master fails to ensure that the vessel has a valid Document of Safe Manning and that the vessel is manned in accordance with the Document of Safe Manning, commits a criminal offence, **punishable with a fine up to two thousand** Cyprus pounds and / or imprisonment up to six months.

#### 9. SHIPBOARD FAMILIARIZATION TRAINING

The Master has the immediate responsibility to ensure that seafarers upon first assigning on board a Cyprus flag vessel are provided with reasonable time to become familiar with the ship arrangements, equipment, procedures and ship characteristics relevant to their routine and emergency duties, in accordance with Company's written instructions and procedures.

No Certificate is required for shipboard familiarisation training, however as a minimum, relevant entries must be made in the ship's official logbook, or training record book, or the Company may issue its own documentary evidence as per SDM Circular No. 17/98, dated 27 July 1998.

In accordance with Article 42 of the Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Hours of Work and Watchkeeping) Law 105(I) of 2000 as amended, if the Master fails to ensure that seafarers upon first assigning on board a Cyprus flag vessel receive shipboard familiarization training commits a criminal offence, punishable with a fine up to two thousand Cyprus pounds and / or imprisonment up to six months.

#### 10. SAFETY FAMILIARIZATION TRAINING

All persons employed on a Cyprus flag vessel, must receive approved safety familiarization training in personal survival techniques or receive sufficient information and instruction to be able to:

- I. communicate with other persons on board on elementary safety matters
- II. understand safety symbols, signs and alarm signals
- III. know what to do if a person falls overboard
- IV. know what to do if fire or smoke is detected
- V. know what to do if the fire or abandon ship alarm is sounded
- VI. identify the muster and embarkation stations and emergency escape routes
- VII. locate and don life-jackets
- VIII. raise the alarm in case of fire and use portable fire extinguishers
- IX. take immediate action upon encountering an accident or other medical emergency before seeking further medical assistance on board and
- X. close and open the fire, weathertight and watertight doors fitted in the particular ship other than those for hull openings.

No Certificate is required for safety familiarization training, however as a minimum relevant entry must made in the ship's official logbook, or training record book or the Company may issue its own documentary evidence as per SDM Circular No. 17/98, dated 27 July 1998

#### 11. BASIC TRAINING & SPECIAL SAFETY TRAINING.

Basic training is required for all personnel employed or engaged on board ship in any capacity as part of the ship's compliment with designated safety or pollution duties in the operation of the ship.

All seafarers serving on board Cyprus vessels in any capacity as part of the ship's compliment with designated safety or pollution duties in the operation of the ship must hold valid Basic Safety Training documentary issued by or on behalf of the Cyprus Administration or any other competent Authority the certificates of competency of which are recognised by the Government of the Republic of Cyprus.

Catering personnel and other personnel employed to provide service related to passenger accommodation, sales, entertainment etc. on passenger and ro-ro passenger ships, which have not received basic training, shall in addition to safety familiarization training receive special safety training as per SDM Circular No. 9/99 Dated 23 March 1999.

#### 12. EFFECTIVE CO-ORDINATION OF CREW ON BOARD

The Master, officers and crew must be able to effectively coordinate their activities in an emergency situation and perform the functions vital to safety or preventing or mitigating pollution.

Crew co-ordination in an emergency situation can be maintained and improved through:

- a. Regular drills requiring the active participation of all crewmembers, in accordance with the instructions of the Cyprus Administration
- b. Following –up discussions of what went well and what needs to be improved and critiques to identify areas where improved procedures, or methods of communication, would allow smoother co-ordination of activities
- c. Regular training sessions to allow crew members to become acquainted with each other's role on the vessel
- d. Incentives for crewmembers who identify or introduce improvements and for superior team performance during drills

#### 13. COMMON LANGUAGE

A common language must be spoken sufficiently well by the crewmembers, as required for co-ordinating their designated duties and to contribute effectively in a crisis situation, as effective communication is a vital condition for the crew members ability to achieve the necessary coordination.

#### 14. HOURS OF WORK AND HOURS OF REST

A watch system and work schedules must be established and enforced on board every Cyprus flag vessel to ensure that fatigue does not impair the efficiency of the watchkeeping seafarers.

The watch system must ensure compliance with the following work hours provisions:

- i. Each watchkeeping seafarer must receive a minimum of 10 hours of rest in any 24 hour period
- ii. The hours of rest may be divided into not more than two periods, one of which must be at least 6 hours in length.
- iii. These rest hours provisions need not be maintained in the case of an emergency, drill or other overriding operational condition (that is, circumstances in which essential shipboard work cannot be delayed for safety or environmental reasons, or could not reasonably have been anticipated at the commencement of the voyage)
- iv. The minimum 10 hours rest period may be reduced to not less than 6 consecutive hours under the following conditions:
  - a. No reduction may extend beyond two days and
  - b. Not less than 70 hours of rest are provided in each 7 day period.

"Overriding Operational Conditions" is construed to mean only essential shipboard work which cannot be delayed for safety or environmental reasons, or, could not reasonably have been anticipated at the commencement of the voyage

The Master on every Cyprus flag vessel must ensure that the watch system and work schedules is established and enforced.

In accordance with Article 42 of the Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Hours of Work and Watchkeeping) Law 105(I) of 2000 as amended, if the Master fails to ensure the watch system and work schedules is established and enforced commits a criminal offence, **punishable with a fine up to two thousand Cyprus pounds and / or imprisonment up to six months.** 

#### 15. WATCHKEEPING ARRANGEMENTS

On board every Cyprus flag vessel a table with the shipboard working arrangements which shall contain for every watchkeeping position at least:

- a. The schedule of service at sea and in port and
- b. The maximum hours of work required by the national legislation currently in force

must be posted in an easily accessible place. The table shall be in English and in the working language of the ship if different.

The Master must ensure that records of seafarers watchkeeping daily hours of work and daily hours of rest are maintained and every watchkeeping seafarer receives a copy of the records pertaining to him which are endorsed by the Master or a person authorized by the master, and by the seafarer.

The Master must ensure that a record file is kept on board accommodating all "hours of work" records for all watchkeeping crewmembers on board the ship. The document file must be kept by the master or a person authorised by the master and be presented for inspection by the flag Authority and port Authorities when required

The Master must ensure that the watchkeeping arrangements for the ship are at all times adequate for maintaining safe navigational and engineering watches having regard to Chapter VIII of Section A of the STCW Code as amended. The Master must also give directions to the deck watchkeeping officers responsible for navigating the ship safely during their periods of duty, in accordance with Part 3-1 of Section A VIII/2 of the STCW Code as amended.

Any Master who fails to meet the requirements of the above paragraph commits a criminal offence, **punishable with** a fine up to two thousand Cyprus pounds and / or imprisonment up to six months as per Article 42 of the Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Hours of Work and Watchkeeping) Law 105(I) of 2000 as amended.

The Chief engineer officer must ensure that the engineering watchkeeping arrangements for the ship are at all times adequate for maintaining a safe watch, in accordance with Part 3-2 of Section A VIII/2 of the STCW Code as amended and any requirements specified by this Administration.

Any Chief engineer officer who fails to meet the requirements of the above paragraph commits a criminal offence, punishable with a fine up to two thousand Cyprus pounds and / or imprisonment up to six months as per Article 42 of the Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Hours of Work and Watchkeeping) Law 105(I) of 2000 as amended.

#### 16. DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

Drug and alcohol abuse can directly affect the fitness and ability of a seafarer to perform his duties. Seafarers who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol should not be permitted to perform their duties on board.

Any seafarer who in the course of his duty is under the influence of drugs or alcohol commits a criminal offence, **punishable with a fine up to five hundred Cyprus pounds.** [Article 19 of the Merchant Shipping (Criminal and Disciplinary Liability of Seafarers ) Law 106(I) of 2000 as amended]

#### 17 SHIP'S LOG BOOKS

Every Cyprus flag vessel must be furnished with the following logbooks.

- 1. Official logbook (Kept by the Master)
- 2. Engine Room logbook (Kept by the Chief Engineer Officer)
- 3. Radio logbook (Kept by the Radio Operator)

The following entries must be recorded in the Official logbook and signed by the Master and a member of the Crew

- 1. All navigational and meteorological indications.
- 2. Every conviction by a court of a crewmember and the punishment imposed.
- 3. Every criminal or disciplinary offence committed by a crewmember
- 4. Every offence for which punishment is imposed on board and the punishment imposed.
- 5. A statement of every engagement and discharge of crewmember.
- 6. Every case of illness or injury happening to a crewmember and the medical treatment adopted.
- 7. Every collision with any other ship and the circumstances.
- 8. Every accident sustained or caused by the ship.
- 9. Every marriage taking place on board, with the names and ages of the parties

#### 18 Ship's Articles

Every Cyprus flag vessel must be furnished with Ship's Articles

In the Ship's Articles the engagement agreement and details of the agreement with every seafarer serving on board is recorded.

Ship's Articles must be available for inspection by any interested seafarer serving on board the vessel.

#### 19. AGREEMENT WITH THE CREW

The Master must ensure that all seafarers on board a Cyprus flag vessels have a valid Agreement for their engagement on board the vessel. The Agreement must be signed by the Master or an Agent of the Company and the seafarer concerned, and recorded in the Ship's Articles.

As a minimum the Agreement must include the following information.

- 1. Seafarer's name, date and place of birth and current address
- 2. Duration of the employment.
- 3. The ports of the world, if any, to which the ship will not sail
- 4. The place and time at which the seafarer must be on board or commence work
- 5. The job which the seafarer is to perform and his duties
- 6. The amount of the wages the seafarer is to receive
- 7. The amount of food and water the seafarer will receive on board
- 8. Any regulations as to the conduct, fines and lawful punishments, as approved by the Council of Ministers of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus.

The Agreement may be terminated if any of the following occurs:

- 1. When the time set in the Articles of Agreement ends
- 2. The ship is lost or wrecked
- 3. The ship is no longer under the Cyprus flag
- 4. The ship is sold in public auction.

Termination of the Agreement by the Master

- 5. When the seafarer fails, without reasonable cause, to join the ship on the date set in the Agreement
- 6. When the seafarer is absent without cause
- 7. When the seafarer is guilty of "grave misconduct" which endangers the safety or good discipline of the ship
- 8. Whenever the ship becomes unseaworthy

Termination of the Agreement by the Seafarer

9. When the Master is found guilty for seriously violating his duties towards the seafarer

When the seafarer is discharged, the Master must provide him with a certificate of discharge, and returns to him, his certificate of competency

#### 20. PAYMENT OF WAGES TO SEAFARERS

The seafarer has the right to be paid the wages stated in the Agreement and all wages due to him must be paid before his agreement is terminated.

At least 24 hours before discharge, the seafarer has the right to receive a full account of his wages, including any deduction to be made from his wages.

Upon discharge, the seafarer must sign a release note, on which he can make a note of any claim or demand he still has against the Company or the Master.

If the employment of a seafarer is terminated, not due to his own fault, within a month from the date of his engagement on board the vessel, he may have the right of an extra pay in addition to any money he has earned up to that date.

#### 21. PROVISIONS (FOOD AND WATER)

All seafarers serving on board Cyprus flag vessels have the right to receiving sufficient and decent food and water.

Any seafarer who feels that he is not getting enough food or water or that the food or water is of poor quality, he may notify the Cyprus Administration at the address indicated in this Document.

#### 22. MEDICAL CARE

All Cyprus flag vessels must be furnished with adequate supplies of medicines and instructions for the use of medicines in accordance with the requirements of the Cyprus Administration.

The costs related to the treatment of an injured or sick seafarer including hospital bills, doctor's bills and medicines must be paid by the Company a per his engagement agreement.

The Company must continue to pay the wages of an injured or sick seafarer until he is fit to return to his duties or until his engagement agreement is terminated due to his inability to return to his duties.

If the seafarer is discharged because he is no longer fit to work on board the vessel, the Company must pay the amount of wages owed to him up to the time of his discharge and before he is repatriated.

In the unfortunate event of death of a seafarer serving on board a Cyprus flag vessel, the Company must pay the burial expenses.

#### 23. REPATRIATION

The Company must pay all the costs related to the repatriation of a seafarer serving on board a Cyprus flag vessel at the termination of the engagement agreement or prior to the termination of the engagement agreement if it is caused without the seafarer's consent. The seafarer may be repatriated to the port where he signed on or to his home country or to a port mutually agreed by the seafarer and the Company.

The Government of the Republic of Cyprus has the ultimate responsibility to repatriate all seafarers serving on board a Cyprus flag vessel, which have been abandoned or left behind or wrecked, if the Company fails to do so.

#### 24. REPORTING OF CASUALTIES, PERSONAL ACCIDENTS AND SERIOUS ILLNESSES.

When casualties, personal accidents or serious illness occur on board Cyprus flag vessels, it is the Master's responsibility to ensure that as a minimum the following information is expeditiously (preferably by facsimile or electronic mail) reported to the Cyprus Administration at the address indicated in this document,

- 1. Master's report regarding the incident,
- 2. Relevant log-book extracts
- 3. Relevant seafarer's statements
- 4. Any other relevant documents

Notwithstanding the above, the Master's report and any other information required regarding the incident, must be reported in accordance with the instructions of the Cyprus Administration, applicable at the time of the incident.

#### 25. REPORTING OF STOWAWAYS

It is the Master's obligation to ensure that incidents involving stowaways are expeditiously (preferably by facsimile or electronic mail) reported to the Cyprus Administration. The Master must also ensure that the relevant instructions of the Cyprus Administration are fully complied with.

#### 26. REPORTING OF SHIP'S ARREST

It is the Master's obligation to ensure that incidents involving the arrest of Cyprus flag vessel are immediately (preferably by facsimile or electronic mail) reported to the Cyprus Administration.

#### 27. PIRACY AND ARMED ROBBERY

In the unfortunate event of piracy or armed robbery attack on board a Cyprus flag vessel, the Master must immediately inform the relevant Authorities of the coastal State concerned about the incident. As a minimum, the following information must be communicated to the relevant Authorities of the coastal State.

- 1. Identity and location of the vessel
- 2. Any injuries

#### 3. Any information regarding the attackers (Number, description, vessel used for the attack)

It is the Master's responsibility to ensure that the above information and any other information required in accordance with the instructions of the Cyprus Administration, applicable at the time of the incident, is also reported via facsimile or electronic mail to the Cyprus Administration at the address indicated in this document.

#### 28. UNAUTHORIZED REPAIRS

It is the Master's responsibility to ensure that no repairs, which may affect the structural integrity of the vessel, are carried out during a voyage. In cases where such repairs must be carried out during a voyage, the complete procedure including the extent of the proposed repairs must be submitted to the vessel's classification society and agreed upon by the attending surveyor.

In cases of "force majeure" where repairs considered necessary to enable the vessel to proceed safely to the next port of call or to a port of refuge, the Master must immediately inform via facsimile or electronic mail the vessel's classification society and the Cyprus Administration.

#### 29. PORT STATE CONTROL

Whenever a Cyprus flag vessel is detained by a Port State Control Authority, the Company must inform immediately by fax the nearest maritime office of the SDM as well as the SDM Headquarters in Limassol and to submit a copy of the detention order as well as a copy of the report on deficiencies.

In the majority of cases where ships are detained by Port State Control Authorities, the nature of deficiencies is such that they can be rectified before the completion of the operations of the ships at the port, so the ships' schedule is not affected. However, it should be realized that, all detentions add to the negative score of the flag State, irrespective of the severity of the deficiencies.

Another practice of Port State Control Authorities is to detain ships on account of deficiencies and to record all detentions, irrespective of whether those were not due to lack of negligence or were scheduled to be rectified at the particular port. Such cases occur usually following a casualty, after encountering heavy weather during the last voyage or when the ship is scheduled for repairs and surveys at the particular port. It is therefore imperative that the master or the Company notifies before or upon arrival, the relevant Port State Control Authorities accordingly, explaining the specific deficiencies, the circumstances these deficiencies occurred and his intention to rectify them or to undergo surveys and repairs at the port of call. In the case of the United States and Canada, in particular, such notification should be given (usually through the agent) well in advance of the ship's entry into U.S. waters, as Port State Control functions commence, in many instances, at the time the vessel enters the territorial waters of these countries.

When your ship is detained by Port State Control Authorities on account of deficiencies which should not warrant a detention (e.g when the ship is scheduled for repairs surveys at the particular port, or the ship had encountered heavy weather during the last voyage which caused damage or the ship had a collision, stranding or other casualty), especially when due notification was given before or upon arrival to the Port-State Control Authorities, you are urged to submit immediately a written protest to the Port State Control Authorities stating the specific circumstances, as you deem fit. A copy of the protest together with the report of deficiencies, must be communicated at the same time by fax, to the nearest maritime office of SDM as well as to the SDM's Headquarters in Limassol.

The same procedure should be followed whenever the master, owners and operators feel that the deficiencies identified are of minor importance and the detention imposed is unreasonable or unjustified.

If the protest is not successful, which means that the Port-State Control Authorities deny your request to drop the detention, you are advised to follow the complain and appeal procedures which each port-State has established. The master of the vessel should be able to obtain from the Port State Control officer information about the complain and appeal procedures. In the case of the Paris MOU and of the United States of America, written information to this end is provided by the attending Port State Control officer when he issues an order of detention. The Department will appreciate it to be immediately informed when the attending Port State control officer is unable to provide the Master with information about complain or appeal procedures or when the port State has not established such procedures.

#### 30. FLAG STATE CONTROL

Flag Sate Control Inspections are carried out by Marine Surveyors of the SDM stationed at the overseas Maritime Offices and the Headquarters of the SDM as well as by the worldwide network of Inspectors of Cyprus ships

It is the obligation of the Master to ensure that whenever his ship is inspected by any of the aforementioned surveyors /inspectors all documentation required by the Cyprus Legislation (Certificates, log books, ship's articles, manuals etc) is available for inspection.

Furthermore, it is the obligation of the Master to ensure that all spaces to be inspected (Tanks, cargo spaces etc) are safe for access as per surveyors /inspectors request.

It is the Master's obligation to ensure that whenever his vessel is calling at a port where Marine Surveyors of the SDM or Inspectors of Cyprus ships are stationed, these are informed forty-eight (48) hours prior to the vessel's arrival, if Flag State inspectors have not inspected the vessel in the preceding six (6) months.

#### 31. DISCIPLINARY LIABILITY OF SEAFARERS

In accordance with Article 24 of the Merchant Shipping (Criminal and Disciplinary Liability of Seafarers) Law 106(I) of 2000 as amended any seafarer who contravenes his duties on board a Cyprus flag vessel commits a disciplinary offence

The Master of a Cyprus flag vessel may punish any seafarer who commits a disciplinary offence with a fine, up to one-fifth of the monthly salary entered by the seafarer. In case where a second disciplinary offence is committed within a period of two months the Master may punish the seafarer with a fine up to one third of the monthly salary of the seafarer.

Any seafarer who has been penalized by the Master due to a disciplinary offence may submit an official appeal against the Master's decision to the Cyprus Administration.

It is the obligation of the Master to ensure that fines imposed on seafarers due to disciplinary offence are forwarded to the Cyprus Administration or deposited with a Cyprus Consul abroad.

Pursuant to Article 24 of the Merchant Shipping (Criminal and Disciplinary Liability of Seafarers) Law 106(I) of 2000 as amended the following actions constitute also a disciplinary offence, punishable by the Master.

- 1. Absences without reasonable cause from the ship at the time of duty
- 2. Desertion of the ship without the consent of the Master.
- 3. Disobedience to a command of the Master or any superior seafarer
- 4. Insult or threat of the Master or superior seafarer.
- 5. Act of violence on board or off the ship against the Master or any superior seafarer.
- 6. Pollution of the sea or negligence for preventing the pollution of the sea.
- 7. Abuse of power which impinges the rights of another person on board the ship

#### 32. PUBLICATIONS

It is the obligation of the Master to ensure that the relevant publications shown below are available on board the vessel.

It should be noted that the list of publications required on board Cyprus flag vessels is amended from time to time and those concerned can find the latest list of publications required on the website of the Cyprus Administration at www.shipping.gov.cy

#### A. National Legislation (All ships)

- 1. Merchant Shipping (Masters and Seamen) Laws 1963 to 2000
- 2. Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Hours of Work and Watchkeeping) Law 105(I) of 2000 as amended
- 3. Merchant Shipping (Criminal and Disciplinary Liability of Seafarers) Law 106(I) of 2000 as amended
- 4. Merchant Shipping (Medical Examination of Seafarers and Issue of Medical Fitness Certificates) Law 107(I) of 2000 as amended
- 5. Merchant Shipping (Registration of seafarers and Seafarer's Register) Law 108(I) of 2000 as amended
- 6. Merchant Shipping (Issue and Recognition of Certificates and Marine Training) Law 109(I) of 2000 as amended

#### **B.** Conventions (All ships)

- 1. International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 as amended (SOLAS 74 as amended
- 2. Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972, as amended.
- 3. Protocol of 1978 relating to he international Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 as amended, Annexes I, II and V (MARPOL 73/78 as amended)
- 4. International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 /LL 1966)
- 5. International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers, 1978 as amended
- 6. International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969 (Tonnage 1969)
- 7. Merchant Shipping (Minimum Standards) Convention 1976 (ILO Convention 147)

#### C. Regulations, Codes and Manuals

- 1. Radio Regulations (as defined in Regulation IV/2.1.11 SOLAS 74 as amended) or the Convention on the International Telecommunication Union and the Regulations thereto (all Ships)
- 2. International Medical Guide for ships (all Ships)
- 3. Recommendations on the Safe use of Pesticides in Ships (all ships)
- 4. Pocket Guide to cold Water Survival (all ships)
- 5. NAVTEX manual (all ships)
- 6. Merchant Ship Search and Rescue Manual (MERSAR Manual) (all ships)
- 7. IMO Search and Rescue Manual (IMOSAR Manual) (All ships)
- 8. International Safety NET Manual (all ships)
- 9. International maritime Dangerous Good Code (for ships certified for the carriage of Dangerous Goods)
- 10. Medical First Aid Guide for use in Accidents involving Dangerous Goods (for ships certified for the carriage of Dangerous Goods)
- 11. Recommendation on the Safe Transport of Dangerous cargoes and related activities in port areas (where applicable)
- 12. Code for Safe Practice for Cargo Stowage and Securing (where applicable)
- 13. Code for the construction and equipment of Ships carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (where applicable)
- 14. International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk (where applicable)
- 15. Gas Carrier Code for existing ships (where applicable)
- 16. Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in bulk (where applicable)
- 17. International Code for the Construction and equipment of ships carrying dangerous chemicals in Bulk (where applicable)
- 18. Code for Safe Practice for Solid Bulk Cargoes (BC Code) (where applicable)
- 19. International Grain Code (where applicable)
- 20. Code of Safe Practice for Ships Carrying Timber Deck Cargoes (where applicable)
- 21. Code of Safety for Dynamically supported Craft (where applicable)
- 22. Code for the Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling units (where applicable)

#### 33. CIRCULARS ISSUED BY THE SHIPPING DEPUTY MINISTRY

The Shipping Deputy Ministry in its effort to assist Companies and those serving on board Cyprus flag vessels in the implementation of the various International and National requirements relevant to the maritime Industry issues a number of circulars. These circulars can be found at the website of the Cyprus Administration at <a href="https://www.shipping.gov.cy">www.shipping.gov.cy</a>

#### 34. CONTACT DETAILS

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