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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 Recognized Merchant Marine Academies and Training Schools,

Subject: Approval of distance learning and e-learning for certain training courses for seafarers offered by marine academies and training schools

The Cyprus Shipping Deputy Ministry (SDM) has launched “SEChange2030”, a long-term strategic vision for Cyprus shipping. This has three pillars: Sustainable, Extrovert, and Adaptable (SEA) and accommodates 35 individual actions in order to deliver sustainable progress for shipping.

Action No. 24 is the promotion of distance learning and e-learning:

Therefore

- 1) SDM will accept applications from training centres for approval of training courses in accordance with STCW78 as amended, using distance learning and/or e-learning.
- 2) The training courses submitted for approval must be in accordance with the following:
 - a) section B-I/6 pars. 6-12 of the STCW78 as amended (Part B of the STCW Code) titled “*Guidance regarding training and assessment*” (attached as “**Annex I**” for your ease of reference),
 - b) sections 50-54A of Part IX of the *Merchant Shipping (Issue and Recognition of Certificates and Marine Training) Laws of 2008 and 2017* (Law 27(I)/2008 as amended). An unofficial translation in English of said provisions is attached as “**Annex II**” for your ease of reference, AND
 - c) Guidance Document and Instructions for the Accreditation of Training Courses Conducted in Accordance with the Relevant Provision of the STCW78 Convention as amended which is attached as “**Annex III**” for your ease of reference.



- 3) SDM will accept applications for approval of the following courses in accordance with STCW78 as amended and their relevant IMO model courses:
- (a) Security Awareness Training for All Seafarers (IMO Model Course 3.27)
 - (b) Security Training for Seafarers with Designated Security Duties (IMO Model Course 3.26)
 - (c) Ship Security Officer (IMO Model Course 3.19)

SDM will be at the disposal of Owners, Managers and anyone concerned with the matter for any explanations and clarifications they may require.



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cc:

- 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