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

**Subject: Implementation of EU Harmonising Legislation: The Merchant Shipping (Issue and Recognition of Certificates and Marine Training) (Amendment) Law of 2005 (Law 56(I)/2005).**

1. I wish to inform you that, the *Merchant Shipping (Issue and Recognition of Certificates and Marine Training) (Amendment) Law of 2005 (Law 56(I)/2005)* (hereafter referred to as “*the Amendment Law*”), which amends the *Merchant Shipping (Issue and Recognition of Certificates and Marine Training) Laws of 2000 and 2004* (hereafter referred to as “*the principal Law*”), was enacted for the purpose of better transposition into our national legislation of Directive 2003/103/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17<sup>th</sup> November 2003, amending Directive 2001/25/EC on the minimum level of training of seafarers.

The text of the above Community Directive 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/Safety at Sea.

Amendment Law 56(I) /2005 entered into force on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2005 upon its publication in Greek in the Official Gazette No.4000, Supplement I(I), dated 3.06.2005

2. The Amendment Law amends sections 36, 40, and 45 of the principal Law.

With respect to Directive 2003/103/EC:

- Article 1(1) (a) which concerns the issue of certificates by the appropriate authority is transposed by section 2 of the Amendment Law.
- Article 1(1) (b) which concerns the issue of endorsements for masters, officers and radio operators is transposed by section 3 of the Amendment Law.
- Article 1(3) which concerns the right of the appropriate authority to allow a seafarer to work on board a Cyprus flag vessel, who is in possession of a certificate issued by a third country or by the approval of a third country, on condition that there exists a decision to recognise the said certificate, in accordance with the procedure of Article 18(3) of Directive 2001/25/EK is transposed by section 4 of the Amendment Law.
- Article 2 which concerns the obligation of compliance with the said Directive, is transposed by section 2 of the Amendment Law.

3. Further details and requirements with respect to the effective implementation of the harmonising legislation will be communicated to you by a new Circular to be issued in the near future.

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