## MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS DEPARTMENT OF MERCHANT SHIPPING LEMESOS

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

18 June 2004

Subject: <u>Implementation of EU Harmonising Legislation</u>: <u>The Merchant Shipping</u> (<u>Double Hull or Equivalent Design Requirements for Single Hull Oil Tankers</u>) <u>Law of 2004</u>

1. I wish to inform you that the *Merchant Shipping (Double Hull or Equivalent Design Requirements for Single Hull Oil Tankers) Law of 2004 (Law 121(I)/2004)* was enacted for the effective implementation of the relevant *Community Regulation (EC) No. 417/2002*.

The text of the above Community Regulation is available on the European Union website at <a href="http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/">http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/</a> in "Legislation/ Directory of Community legislation in force/ Transport Policy/ Shipping/ Safety at Sea".

- 2. The Merchant Shipping (Double Hull or Equivalent Design Requirements for Single Hull Oil Tankers) Law of 2004 entered into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2004 (date of accession of the Republic of Cyprus to the EU).
- 3. This Law contains enforcement measures providing for penalties against ships proven as not being in compliance with the provisions of the said Law.
- 4. Further details and requirements with regard to the effective implementation of this harmonising legislation will be communicated to you by a new Circular to be issued in the next few weeks.

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- Union of Cypriot Shipowners
- Union of European Shipowners with Cyprus Flag Ships
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