



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

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Owners, Masters and
Representatives of
Foreign Flag Vessels calling at Cyprus ports

Cyprus Shipping Association

Subject: Port State Control Inspections in Cyprus

Port State Control (PSC) of ships in Cyprus is conducted by the Department of Merchant Shipping (DMS) in accordance with the provisions of the Paris Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control and is regulated by Law 47(I)/2001 as amended by Law 27(I)/2004.

In order to comply with the provisions of the Paris Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control and Law 47(I)/2001 as amended by Law 27(I)/2004 for ships that are due for expanded inspections and ships with a Target Factor above 50, which are about to call a Cyprus Port, PSC will be carried out also during after office hours.

In order to avoid unnecessary delays, all parties concerned should abide by the requirements set in DMS Circular 55/2004 dated 26/11/2004.

Please note that office hours for the public sector of the Republic of Cyprus are Monday to Friday 07:30 to 14:30 except Thursday when offices close at 18:00 hours.

It should be clearly understood that the after office hours service is not introduced for the reinspection of vessels that have been detained. The reinspection of a vessel after office hours will be decided by the attending PSCO having regard to the nature of the deficiencies and will be carried out provided that:

1. The Master or the Owner's Representative or Agent must deposit with DMS the amount of £300,00 or a bank guarantee for the same amount, as it is required by section 18 of the above mentioned law, the soonest possible after a notice of detention is given to the Master of the ship. The reinspection is charged with £250,00 for the first 3 hours and £50,00 for every additional hour. Travelling expenses are also charged.
2. A written confirmation from the attending classification society surveyor (if so required) or the Master of the ship, attesting the seaworthiness of the ship and that all

noted deficiencies on the PSC report are rectified, is sent by fax or email to this Department.

3. DMS headquarters have received the request for re inspection and the confirmation stated above not later than 16:00 hours (summer time) or 15:00 (winter time).

Please note that the PSCO is not authorised to collect and issue receipts for the above-mentioned amounts.

This circular has immediate effect.

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