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OF MERCHANT SHIPPING
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To all Members of the Cyprus Shipping Association c/o CSA

To all Members of the Cyprus Shipping Chamber c/o CSC

To all Members of the Cyprus Union of Shipowners c/o CUS

Subject: *The Merchant Shipping (Port State Control) Law of 2011 (Law 95(I)/2011)*

I refer to the above subject and wish to inform you of the enactment of the *Merchant Shipping (Port State Control) Law of 2011 (Law 95(I)/2011)*¹ for the purposes of transposition into our national legislation of the Directive 2009/16/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23rd April 2009.

The text of the above Community Directive is available on the European Union website at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu>.

This Law repeals the *Merchant Shipping (Port State Control) Laws of 2001 to 2009 (Laws 47(I)/2001, 27(I)/2004 and 60(I)/2009)* as well as the relevant Notification issued pursuant thereof.

The new **Law 95(I)/2011** regulates the power of the Department of Merchant Shipping to inspect and detain foreign ships which call at ports of the Republic substantially reinforcing the port state control exercised by the Republic at its ports on a regular basis since 1996. It purports to establish the protection of human life, of property and of the marine environment on the one hand, and the prevention of unfair competition in the shipping industry by substandard ships on the other. Moreover it contributes to the smooth and uniform enforcement of some provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982 and other international maritime conventions for the security at sea which bind the Republic.

Our Department shall shortly also issue a Notification by virtue of **Law 95(I)/2011** which adopts the **Annexes I to IX of Directive 2009/16/EC**. Details as to the publication of this Notification will be provided via a further Circular.

¹ Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Cyprus No. 4287, *Supplement I(I)*, dated 15.07.2011.



A translated into English language text of **Law 95(I)/2011** will be soon available on the Department's website at www.shipping.gov.cy (selecting Legislation/Consolidated Cyprus Shipping Legislation/National Instruments).



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