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

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Subject: Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) 2006

I wish to inform you that in February 2006, the ILO Maritime Conference adopted the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 .This instrument represents the fourth pillar of the international legal regime for the global shipping industry alongside SOLAS ,STCW and MARPOL.

The Convention consolidates all existing ILO maritime instruments with the exception of ILO Conventions No 185 and No.71.

Ships over 500gt ,engaged in international voyages will be required to carry a Maritime Labour Certificate and a Document of Maritime Labour Compliance issued by the flag State confirming that the vessel complies with the provisions of the Convention. Ships under 500gt will have to comply with the requirements of the Convention but not certified.

The Convention will come into force 12 months after the date on which 30 ILO member States with combined share of the world gross tonnage of 33% have registered their ratifications with the ILO Director General.

Since there are three States that have already ratified the Convention and further to the EU Council Decision 2007/431/EC that urges the EU Member States to ratify it by the 31st December 2010, it is foreseen that the MLC will most probably enter into force by 2011 ,the latest.

Cyprus is working towards the ratification of the Convention and we urge you to take all necessary steps in order to prepare your ships to comply with the provisions of the MLC.

We will revert with new Circulars regarding the ratification and the implementation of the MLC, including any special requirements and instructions.

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