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

## Subject: Pilotage of vessels by deep-sea pilots in the North Sea and English Channel

I refer to the above subject and pursuant to the European Communities Council Directive 79/115/EEC of 21 December 1978 concerning pilotage of vessels by deep-sea pilots in the North Sea and the English Channel (Official Journal of the EC No. L.33/32 dated 08.02.1979) for the sake of safety at sea and of preventing marine pollution, the following is strongly recommended by our Department:

- ships under the Cyprus flag should avail themselves, in the North Sea and the English Channel, when seeking the assistance of deep-sea pilots, of the services of adequately qualified deep-sea pilots only.
- Adequately qualified pilots, according to the aforementioned Directive, are those who are in possession of a certificate delivered by a competent authority of one of the European Communities Member States which have coasts bordering on the North Sea or the English Channel, certifying that such pilots are qualified to pilot vessels in the North Sea and the English Channel or of an equivalent certificate delivered by another North Sea coastal State.



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