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To all registered Owners, Managers and Representatives of Ships  
flying the Cyprus flag

**Subject: Amendments adopted by the MEPC Committee which are coming or  
expected to enter into force up to 1 March 2016**

I refer to the above subject and wish to inform you that the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) at its sixty-sixth (66<sup>th</sup>) and sixty seventh (67<sup>th</sup>) session on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014 and 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014 respectively, adopted a number of amendments related to MARPOL, the BCH and IBC Code, which will enter into force between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

The attached list provides an overview of the said amendments.

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- Director General, Cyprus Ports Authority
- Cyprus Shipping Chamber
- Cyprus Union of Shipowners
- Cyprus Shipping Association
- Cyprus Bar Association

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**List of amendments adopted by the MEPC Committee which are coming or expected to enter into force up to 1 March 2016**

**RESOLUTION MEPC.251(66)** - adopted on 4 April 2014

AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEX OF THE PROTOCOL OF 1997 TO AMEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO

Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI and the NOx Technical Code 2008 (Amendments to regulations 2, 13, 19, 20 and 21 and the Supplement to the IAPP Certificate under MARPOL Annex VI and certification of dual-fuel engines under the NOx Technical Code 2008).

**Date of entry into force: 1 September 2015**

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**RESOLUTION MEPC.246(66)** – adopted on 4 April 2014

AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEX OF THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973

(Amendments MARPOL Annexes I, II, III, IV and V to make the use of the “III Code”<sup>1</sup> mandatory)

**Date of entry into force: 1 January 2016**

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**RESOLUTION MEPC.247(66)** - adopted on 4 April 2014

AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEX OF THE PROTOCOL OF 1997 TO AMEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO

(To make the use of the “III Code” mandatory).

**Date of entry into force: 1 January 2016**

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**RESOLUTION MEPC.248(66)** - adopted on 4 April 2014

AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEX OF THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973

Amendments to MARPOL Annex I (Mandatory carriage requirements for a stability instrument)

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<sup>1</sup> The IMO Instruments Implementation Code (“III Code”), adopted by IMO resolution A.1070(28)

**Date of entry into force: 1 January 2016**

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**RESOLUTION MEPC.249(66)** – adopted on 4 April 2014

AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF SHIPS CARRYING DANGEROUS CHEMICALS IN BULK (BCH CODE)

(Cargo containment and Form of Certificate of Fitness)

**Date of entry into force: 1 January 2016**

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**RESOLUTION MEPC.250(66)** – adopted on 4 April 2014

AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CODE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF SHIPS CARRYING DANGEROUS CHEMICALS IN BULK (IBC CODE)

(General, Ship survival capability and location of cargo tanks, Cargo tank venting and gas-freeing arrangements, Environmental control, Fire protection and fire extinction, Special requirements, Summary of minimum requirements, and Form of Certificate of Fitness)

**Date of entry into force: 1 January 2016**

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**RESOLUTION MEPC.256(67)** - adopted on 17 October 2014

AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEX OF THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973

Amendment to MARPOL Annex I (Amendment to regulation 43)

**Expected date of entry into force: 1 March 2016** (subject to acceptance of the amendments by Parties on 1 September 2015)<sup>2</sup>

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**RESOLUTION MEPC.257(67)** - adopted on 17 October 2014

AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEX OF THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973

Amendment to MARPOL Annex III (Amendment to the appendix on criteria for the identification of harmful substances in packaged form).

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<sup>2</sup> in accordance with article 16(2)(f)(iii) of the 1973 Convention, that the amendments shall be deemed to have been accepted on 1 September 2015, unless prior to that date, not less than one third of the Parties or Parties, the combined merchant fleets of which constitute not less than 50% of the gross tonnage of the world's merchant fleet, have communicated to the Organization their objection to the amendments

**Expected date of entry into force: 1 March 2016** (subject to acceptance of the amendments by Parties on 1 September 2015)<sup>2</sup>

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**RESOLUTION MEPC.258(67)** – adopted on 17 October 2014

AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNEX OF THE PROTOCOL OF 1997 TO AMEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO

Amendments to MARPOL Annex VI (Amendments to regulations 2 and 13 and the Supplement to the IAPP Certificate.

**Expected date of entry into force: 1 March 2016** (subject to acceptance of the amendments by Parties on 1 September 2015)<sup>2</sup>

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