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OF MERCHANT SHIPPING  
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Owners, Managers and Representatives  
of ships under the Cyprus Flag.

Recognised Organisations

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

Cyprus Shipping Association

**Subject: Regulation (EC) No. 782/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of  
14 April 2003 on the prohibition of organotin compounds on ships**

I refer to the above European Community Regulation and wish to inform you that as from 1 January 2008 the following categories of ships are prohibited from bearing organotin compounds which act as biocides unless such ships bear a coating that forms a barrier to such compounds leaching from the underlying non-compliant anti-fouling system.

- ships flying the Cyprus flag
- ships not flying the Cyprus flag but operating in the jurisdiction of the Republic of Cyprus, and
- ships that enter the Cyprus ports

The Recognised Organisations (R.O.) are reminded that for ships flying the Cyprus flag an International Anti-Fouling System Certificate must be issued under the provisions of Regulation (EC) 782/2003.

The R.O. are also notified that ships which do not comply with the regulation cannot be registered in the Register of Cyprus Ships. Therefore R.O. are requested to amend the Classification Society's Statement proposing to proceed with the survey and certification of a

vessel on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, as requested by our Circular No. 20/2001, to include a paragraph that the vessel is complying with the Regulation.

All parties concerned are reminded to comply with the provisions of Law 167 (I)/2004 containing enforcement measures for persons proven not being in compliance with the said Regulation.

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