



MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS
DEPARTMENT OF MERCHANT SHIPPING
LEMESOS

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

25 May 2005

Subject: Implementation of EU Harmonising Legislation: The Merchant Shipping (Specific Stability Requirements for Ro-Ro Passenger Ships) Law of 2005

1. I wish to inform you that the *Merchant Shipping (Specific Stability Requirements for Ro-Ro Passenger Ships) Law of 2005* (Law 48(I)/2005) was enacted for the purposes of transposing into our national legislation the relevant European Union *Directive 2003/25/EC*.

The text of the above Community Directive is available on the European Union website at <http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/> in “Legislation/ Directory of Community legislation in force / Transport/ Shipping/ Maritime Safety”.

2. The *Merchant Shipping (Specific Stability Requirements for Ro-Ro Passenger Ships) Law of 2005* entered into force on the 6th of May 2005, by virtue of Law 48(I)/2005, published in the Official Gazette No. 3989, Supplement I (I), dated 06.05.2005.

The Law contains enforcement measures providing for penalties against the Master or the operator of the Ro-Ro passenger vessels proven as not being in compliance with the provisions of the said Law.

3. Further details and requirements with regard to the effective implementation of this harmonising legislation will be communicated to you by a new Circular to be issued in the next few weeks.

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- cc. -Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Communications and Works
- Attorney General of the Republic
 - Law Commissioner of the Republic
 - Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - Permanent Secretary, Planning Bureau
 - Maritime Offices of the Department of Merchant Shipping abroad
 - Diplomatic Missions and Honorary Consular Officers of the Republic
 - Cyprus Shipping Council
 - Cyprus Union of Shipowners
 - PEO Trade Union
 - SEK Trade Union
 - Cyprus Bar Association
 - Recognized Classification Societies.

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