



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

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Subject: Implementation of EU Harmonising Legislation: The Merchant Shipping (Mandatory Surveys for the Safe Operation of Regular Ro-Ro Ferry and High Speed Passenger Craft Services) Laws of 2002-2004

1. I refer to the above subject and wish to inform you that the *Merchant Shipping (Mandatory Surveys for the Safe Operation of Regular Ro-Ro Ferry and High Speed Passenger Craft Services) Laws of 2002-2004* (Law 59(I)/2002 as amended by Law 46(I)/2004) were enacted for the purposes of transposing into our national legislation the relevant European Union *Directive 1999/35/EC* (as amended by article 10 (1) of *Directive 2002/59/EC* and *Directive 2002/84/EC*, article 9).

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

2. The *Merchant Shipping (Mandatory Surveys for the Safe Operation of Regular Ro-Ro Ferry and High Speed Passenger Craft Services) Laws of 2002-2004* are now legally in force since the 1st of May 2004 (date of accession of the Republic of Cyprus to the EU), by virtue of a Decision of the Council of Ministers of the Republic (see P.I. 255/2004 and P.I. 256/2004 published in the Official Gazette No. 3840, Supplement III(I), dated 23.04.2004).
3. These Laws contain enforcement measures providing for penalties against ships that may be identified as not being in compliance with the provisions of the said Laws.
4. 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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 - Cyprus Shipping Council
 - Union of Cypriot Shipowners
 - Cyprus Bar Association
 - Recognised Classification Societies

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