



**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: GMDSS and Tanker's Training Certificates

I refer to the above subject and further to our circulars No. 14/2001 dated 29 June 2001 and 26/2001 dated 19/12/2001, I wish to inform you that we have received numerous deficiency reports from Port State Control Officers in various ports, with comments that the GMDSS certificate of Deck Officers or their Tanker's Training Certificates, where applicable, was not endorsed by the Republic of Cyprus, resulting in unnecessary and unjustified delays, misunderstandings and confusion.

In this respect, for your own convenience and to avoid any future delays caused by unnecessary and unjustified detentions/deficiencies from the various Port State Control officers around the world, the Department of Merchant Shipping has decided the following which will apply as from the 15th January 2006:

1. For Masters and Deck Officers applying for a Cyprus Endorsement attesting the recognition of their national certificate of competency, who hold a separate GMDSS certificate, the number of their GMDSS certificate and the issuing authority of the certificate will be included in their Cyprus Endorsement certificate.
2. All Masters and Deck Officers applying for a Cyprus Endorsement attesting the recognition of their national certificates of competency issued under the provisions of STCW 78 as amended, to whom a separate GMDSS certificate has been issued, must include a copy of this certificate with their application form.
3. Similarly, all officers who are eligible to apply for a Cyprus Endorsement attesting the recognition of their national certificate of competency and are holders of a Tanker's Training Certificate issued by a competent authority whose certificates are recognised by the Republic of Cyprus, should include a copy of the Tanker's Training Certificate with their application.

4. The expiry date of the Cyprus Endorsement to be issued shall be the earliest expiry date amongst those of the officer applicant's Certificate of Competency, the GMDSS Certificate and the Tanker's Training Certificate (where applicable).

The Department will be at the disposal of Owners, Managers and anyone concerned with the matter for any explanations and clarifications they may require.

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