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**MINISTRY OF
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**DEPARTMENT
OF MERCHANT SHIPPING
LEMESOS**

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To all Owners, Managers
and Representatives of Ships
under the Cyprus Flag and Ships of all Flags entering or leaving Cyprus ports

Subject: Issuing of Bunkers Convention Certificates for the 21st November 2008-20th February 2009 certification period

Further to my Circulars No. 08/2008 and No. 13/2008 you are hereby informed as follows:

1. Due to the fact that the Department of Merchant Shipping has received a large number of requests to issue Certificates under the 2001 Bunkers Convention to ships flying the flag of a non-State Party and in order to be able to guarantee the issuance of these Certificates prior the deadline of 21st November 2008, you are hereby informed that the final date for submission of applications for the period 21st November 2008-20th February 2009 is the **10th November 2008**. Thereafter, no applications will be accepted except with respect to the following:
 - (i) Ships flying the flag of Cyprus;
 - (ii) Ships flying the flag of a non State Party intending to enter any port of the Republic of Cyprus open to international navigation, provided that the shipowner or the charterer or the Master of the ship has forwarded to our Department, a pre-entry notification of the intention of the ship to enter voluntarily a port of the Republic of Cyprus, at least 3 days prior to the Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA).
2. As from 21st November 2008, the Department of Merchant Shipping will be accepting applications for the issuing of Bunkers Convention Certificates to Cyprus ships as well as to ships flying the flag of a non-State Party with respect to the period commencing on 20th February 2009 and ending on 20th February 2010.
3. Owners, Managers and Representatives of Ships flying the flag of the Republic of Cyprus who have not yet applied for the issuing of Bunkers Convention Certificates to their ships are urged to do so immediately since, as the deadline of 21st November 2008 approaches, the processing of late applications in time for the entry into force of the Convention cannot be guaranteed. It is

recalled that on 21st November 2008 (and thereafter) the Bunkers Certificates should be on board Cyprus ships as well as onboard ships of any flag entering or leaving Cyprus ports (applicable in both cases to ships with a tonnage greater than 1,000).

4. The Owners, Managers and Representatives of ships flying the Cyprus flag or of Ships of all flags entering/ leaving a port in the territory of the Republic of Cyprus, are advised to strictly abide by this Circular as well as the preceding relevant Circulars No. 08/2008 and No. 13/2008, the provisions of Ratification Law 19(III)/2004 and the Bunkers Convention.

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- Cyprus Shipping Chamber
- Cyprus Union of Shipowners
- Cyprus Shipping Association
- Cyprus Bar Association
-International Group of P&I Clubs

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