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All Private Ship Security Companies

Subject: (1) Private Ship Security Companies - The Protection of Cyprus Ships against Acts of Piracy and Other Unlawful Acts Law of 2012
(2) Circular by virtue of sections 70 and 81 of Law 77(I)/2012

I refer to the above subject and further to our Circular no. 1/2016, dated 14 January 2016, I wish to inform you that the Competent Authority, based on the latest experience gained through the implementation of the Protection of Cyprus Ships against Acts of Piracy and Other Unlawful Acts Law of 2012 ("the Law"), and the related operational issues, has decided, in accordance with sections 70 and 81 of the Law, to increase the maximum total number of firearms a PSSC is entitled to register on its Cyprus certificate from four hundred (400) to six hundred (600).

2. Based on the above decision, bullets 1 and 2 of paragraph 1 of DMS Circular no. 1/2016 are amended as follows:

- **Ratio between guards and firearms:** The number of firearms shall be proportional to the number of guards at a ratio of two (2) to one (1). That is, for each approved private ship security guard, the PSSC can register on its Cyprus certificate up to two (2) firearms.
- **Maximum number of firearms:** The maximum total number of firearms a PSSC is entitled to register on its Cyprus certificate shall not exceed six hundred (600).

3. The rest applicable provisions of DMS Circular no. 1/2016 remain unchanged.

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