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To all Registered owners, Registered bareboat charterers  
Managers and Representatives of ships flying the Cyprus Flag

To all Owners, Managers, Representatives and Agents in Cyprus of Ships, irrespective of flag  
they are flying, calling at Cyprus ports  
*c/o Cyprus Shipping Chamber*  
*c/o Cyprus Union of Shipowners*  
*c/o Cyprus Shipping Association*

**Subject: Entry into force on 22 October 2015 of the 2007 Wreck Removal Convention for the Republic of Cyprus-Certificates attesting that insurance is in place under Article 12 of the Convention**

1. I refer to the above matter and further to DMS Circular No. 27/2015 I wish to remind you of the entry into force of the 2007 Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks Convention for the Republic of Cyprus on **22 October 2015** in accordance with Article 18(2) of the Convention.

2. It is recalled that in accordance with the provisions of *the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks (Ratification) and for Matters Connected Therewith Law of 2015 (Law 12(III)/2015)* as from 22 October 2015-

- (i) Cyprus flagged vessels of a gross tonnage of 300GT and above; and
- (ii) Vessels, irrespective of flag, of a gross tonnage of 300GT and above calling Cyprus ports or located within the territorial sea of the Republic of Cyprus,

have an obligation to be furnished with a Certificate attesting that insurance is in place in accordance with the provisions of Article 12 of the Wreck Removal Convention.

3. Cyprus flagged vessels that have not already applied for the issuing of a Wreck Removal Certificate (WRC) by the Department of Merchant Shipping should do so **without delay** in order to ensure that the WRC will be carried on board on and after the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015. Vessels that fail to produce such a Certificate on or after 22 October 2015 may face **criminal** and **administrative sanctions** (administrative fine, prohibition of sailing, refusal of access to a port) in accordance with the provisions of the relevant National Ratification Law.

4. As already mentioned in DMS Circular No. 27/2015 (paragraph 4), Wreck Removal Certificates **already obtained** by Cyprus flagged vessels from an Administration of any other State Party to the Convention prior to the ratification of the Convention by the Republic of Cyprus, should be **submitted** to the Department (can be emailed at [bunkersclc@dms.mcw.gov.cy](mailto:bunkersclc@dms.mcw.gov.cy)). Owners, Managers and Representatives of Cyprus flagged ships that have not already submitted such Wreck Removal Certificates are advised to proceed with their submission forthwith and in any case prior to the entry into force of the Convention for the Republic of Cyprus (i.e. the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015).

For more detailed information on the application form, the applicable fees and National Law 12(III)/2015 please refer to DMS Circular No. 27/2015.

5. The Owners, Managers and Representatives of Ships under the Cyprus Flag (of a GT of 300 and above) and of Ships of any flag (of a GT of 300 and above) calling Cyprus ports or located within the territorial sea of the Republic of Cyprus, are advised to make arrangements in order to ensure that on 22 October 2015 they will be abiding by DMS Circular No. 27/2015, this Circular and by the National Ratification Law 12(III)/2015.



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- Cyprus Union of Shipowners
- Cyprus Shipping Association
- Cyprus Bar Association
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