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Registered owners, registered bareboat charterers,
Managers, operators and masters of
Ships flying the Cyprus flag,
Private Ship Security Companies

Subject: The Protection of Cyprus Ships against Acts of Piracy and Other Unlawful Acts Law of 2012 - Addition or deletion of private ship security guards / firearms on a Private Ship Security Company's Certificate

I refer to the above subject and this is to advise you that, in order to enable this Department to better manage the work load and to timely respond to all applications submitted by the approved Private Ship Security Companies (PSSC) for the addition or deletion of private ship security guards and / or firearms on a certificate issued in accordance with the provisions of section 22(1) of the Protection of Cyprus Ships Against Acts of Piracy and Other Unlawful Acts Law of 2012 (the Law), the following procedure will strictly implemented from now on.

2. Any application submitted by a PSSC for the addition or deletion of private ship security guards and / or firearms on its certificate must be accompanied with all the required supporting documents. The minimum time required by this Department for the examination of an application and for the issuance of a new amended certificate to the company is **5 working days from the date of submission of all required documents**.
3. The amended certificate will be issued provided that all information and documentation submitted are accurate and correct and the relevant fees, in accordance with our Circular no. 61/2012, have been paid in advance.
4. The newly approved private ship security guards and / or firearms can be used by the PSSC for the provision of security services on board a Cyprus ship, in accordance with section 12(1)(a) and 12(2)(a) of the Law, after the PSSC has received its amended certificate.
5. Any application for the use of services on board a Cyprus ship, jointly submitted to this Department by a PSSC and the ship's operator, that involves private ship security guards and / or firearms which are not recorded on the latest PSSC's certificate in force, **will not be examined** by this Department.



6. Based on the above, any PSSC that intends to use new private ship security guards and / or firearms which are not already recorded on the latest PSSC's certificate in force, must make all necessary arrangements for the submission of the relevant application and all supporting documents at least 5 working days prior the provision of any intended services.

7. The Cyprus ship's operators and the PSSCs are urged to comply with above described procedure.



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