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To all Owners, Managers
and Representatives
of Ships under the Cyprus Flag

Subject: International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, STCW 78, as amended- Amendments "Ship Security Officer Training and Certification"

I refer to the above subject and wish to inform you the following:

1. The Maritime Safety Committee, at its eighty-first session (18 May 2006), adopted in accordance with article XII(1)(a)(iv) of the Convention, amendments to the Convention, the text of which is set out in the Annexes to the MSC.203(81) and MSC.209(81) resolutions respectively.
2. The above mentioned amendments will enter into force on 1st January 2008.
3. In light of the above, the Government of the Republic of Cyprus has decided:
 - a) from 1st January 2008, all ship security officers and deputy security officers on board Cyprus flagged vessels, who did not hold or could not document qualifications as ship security officers **before** the entry into force of this regulation, shall have a certificate issued by this administration or by a country whose certificates are recognised by the Republic of Cyprus, in accordance with regulation VI/5 of STCW 78 as amended.
 - b) until 1st July 2009 to continue to recognize personnel who hold or can document qualifications as ship security officers, **before** the entry into force of this regulation.

- c) After 1 July 2009, all ship security officers and deputy security officers on board Cyprus flagged vessel shall have a certificate issued by this administration or by a country whose certificates are recognised by the Republic of Cyprus, in accordance with regulation VI/5 of STCW 78 as amended.

This 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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