

Subject

Exemption from decommissioning of Halon Fire Extinguishing System / Extinguishers on Cyprus Ships

ClassNK

Technical Information

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To whom it may concern

The Cyprus Government has notified of the Circular No. 8/2004 for exemption from decommissioning of Halon 1301 Fixed Fire Extinguishing System and Halon 1211 Portable Extinguishers on board the ships, as attached.

Managers of ship flying the flag of Cyprus are requested to complete and submit the attached "Summary of Uses of Halon for Critical Uses" not later than **20 March 2004**.

The Cyprus Government is obliged to record and report to the European Committee the quantities of halon which will remain on board Cyprus ships after 1 May 2004 and will issue an appropriate **Declaration**, that they are exempted from the provisions of Regulation (EC) No. 2037/2000.

When the Safety Equipment survey is carried out on or after 1 May 2004 and found the ship is using halon for fire fighting and not furnished with the appropriate declaration, the Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate will not be endorsed nor issued.

In order to ensure the continuous uninterrupted operation of the ships, the Owner (or Manager) is requested to respond on this matter immediately.

Circular No. 8/2004 is available for downloading from the Web site, <http://www.shipping.gov.cy/>.

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**MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS
DEPARTMENT OF MERCHANT SHIPPING
LEMESOS**

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To all Owners, Managers and Representatives
of ships under the Cyprus Flag.
To all Inspectors of Cyprus ships

Subject: Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 June 2000 on substances that deplete the ozone layer and its application to existing ships.

I wish to inform you that on 1st of May 2004, date on which the Republic of Cyprus will accede as a full member to the European Union, the above mentioned regulation will take effect on ships flying the flag of Cyprus.

The regulation provides that fire protection systems and fire extinguishers containing halons shall be decommissioned except for uses:

- a) of halon 1301 for the making inert of occupied spaces where flammable liquid and/or gas release could occur in existing cargo ships, and
- b) halon 1211 in fire extinguishers essential to personal safety used for initial extinguishing by fire brigades.

In view of the above, machinery spaces containing internal combustion engines, oil fired boilers or oil fuel units and generators, cargo pump room and other similar spaces are considered as falling under (a) above. All halon 1211 portable fire extinguishers provided in accommodation, control stations and machinery spaces are considered as falling under (b) above. Furthermore after taking into consideration that new installations of halogenated hydrocarbon systems have been prohibited since the 1st October 1994 existing ships are considered those whose keel was laid before that date.

In order to ensure the continuous uninterrupted operation of Cyprus ships after the 1st of May 2004 the Republic of Cyprus is obliged to record and report to the European Committee the quantities of halons 1301 and 1211 which will remain on board Cyprus ships after 1st of May 2004 and issue to them an appropriate declaration, that they are exempted from the provisions of Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000.

The Recognised Organisation who is issuing for a particular ship the Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus and the Inspectors of Cyprus Ships will check at the first survey after 1/3/2004 the ship's compliance with the above mentioned regulation. If the referred survey is carried out before 1/5/2004 the ships that they use halon for fire fighting and they are not furnished with the appropriate declaration will be given a letter of warning that they have to comply by 1/5/2004. If the referred survey is carried out on or after 1/5/2004 the ships that they use halon for fire fighting and they are not furnished with the appropriate declaration will be given a notice of detention and their Cargo Ship Safety Certificate will be withdrawn.

To this effect the Managers of ships flying the flag of Cyprus are hereby requested to complete and submit the attached form not later than 20/3/2004. Ships which are not furnished with such declaration may face delays at next survey after 1 of May 2004.

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Association of Cypriot Shipowners (Sea Rovers)Ltd
Union of Cypriot Shipowners
PEO Trade Union
SEK Trade Union
Cyprus Bar Association



TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF USES OF HALON FOR CRITICAL USES

Ship's Name :

IMO Number:

1 No.	2 ID	3 Exemption	4 Brief description of the Critical Use	5 Total kg installed on 31 December 2002	6 Total kg used ¹ in the period 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2002	7 Total kg emitted from this use from 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2002	5a Total kg installed on 31 December 2003	6a Total kg used ¹ in the period 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2003	7a Total kg emitted from this use from 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2003	8 Has an alternative replaced this use? Please indicate alternative (and when replaced)
1	1301	For the making inert of occupied spaces where flammable liquid and/or gas release could occur in cargo ships								
2	1211	In fire extinguishers essential to personal safety used for initial extinguishing by fire brigades								

¹ Article 2 defines "use" as the utilisation of controlled substances in the production or maintenance, in particular refilling, of products or equipment or in other processes except for feedstock and processing agent uses