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TO ALL OWNERS,
MANAGERS AND REPRESENTATIVES
OF SHIPS UNDER THE CYPRUS FLAG

Subject: IMPLEMENTATION OF CHAPTER XI-2 OF SOLAS 74 AS AMENDED AND THE ISPS CODE – TRAINING OF SHIPS SECURITY OFFICERS AND ALTERNATE SHIP SECURITY OFFICERS

With reference to the above subject and further to our circular No14/2003 dated 2 October 2003, I wish to inform you that the International Maritime Organisation has published Model Courses for Company Security Officers (CSOs), Ship Security Officers (SSOs) and Port Facility Security Officers (PFSOs). The aforesaid publications are available from the publications and sales Section of the IMO. Furthermore, the STW sub-committee at its 35th session from 26 to 30 January 2004, will develop training and certification requirements for SSOs, considering all possible options for implementation in the longer term.

In view of the above, the Department urges companies when considering various training methods and training establishments for the training of SSOs, to select training programs which are in line with and are conducted in accordance with the relevant IMO Model Course, and are approved by either the Government of the Republic of Cyprus or a Contracting Government whose the certificates of competency are currently recognised by the Government of the Republic of Cyprus. It should be noted that in the future only training documentary evidence issued by or on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus or countries whose certificates of competency are recognised by the Government of the Republic of Cyprus will be accepted.

Should you require further information or clarifications please contact the Training and Certification Division of this Department.

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