



**MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS  
DEPARTMENT OF MERCHANT SHIPPING  
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All Owners, Managers and Representatives of Ships under the Cyprus Flag.

All Recognized and Authorized Classification Societies  
Inspectors of Cyprus ships

Subject: **Official Log Books and Ship's Articles**

1. I refer to the above-mentioned subject and I wish to inform you the following:

The Department of Merchant Shipping has prepared and issued Official Log Books and Ship's Articles in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Masters and Seamen) Laws of 1963 to 1997 and Regulation 297/2001. All Ships under the Cyprus Flag should keep an Official Log Book and a Ship's Articles in the appropriate form for each type of ship. Therefore, all Owners and Managers of Cyprus Ships are required to supply their ships with the newly published Official Log Books and Ship's Articles that, from now on, will be issued solely by the Department of Merchant Shipping.

In order to enable the Owners and Managers of Cyprus ships to supply all their vessels with Official Log Books and Ship's Articles, a transition period is allowed until 31 July 2003.

2. The Official Log Books (Bridge) and Ship's Articles are available for purchase from the Department's Headquarters in Limassol and from the Maritime Offices of the Department in Piraeus, Rotterdam, Hamburg, London and New York.

3. The price of the Official Log Books and Ship's Articles has been fixed as follows:

	Up to 49 pieces	50 pieces and over
Official Log Books	CYP 40 per piece	CYP 30 per piece
Ship's Articles for cargo vessels	CYP 30 per piece	CYP 22.50 per piece
Ship's Articles for passenger vessels	CYP 40 per piece	CYP 30 per piece

4. The Official Log Books and the Ship's Articles are controlled documents and have on their first page a Serial Number. The Official Log Books and Ship's Articles, prior to their use on board the ship, must be endorsed by the Competent Authority or by a Consular Officer of the Republic. In case this is not possible, the Master or his representative must deliver / present the Books for endorsement to the Competent Authority or Consular Officer of the Republic of Cyprus at the first port of call where such Authority or Consular Officer exists. The endorsement on the first page of each Book is given free of charge. Endorsements of entries and recordings on other pages will be charged according to the provisions of the Merchant Shipping (fees and taxing provisions) Laws.

5. Upon endorsement of the Official Log Book and the Ship's Articles the Owner , the Manager or the Master of the ship must ensure that a copy of the first page of each Book that has been endorsed, is sent to the Department of Merchant Shipping.

6. The verification of the existence on board of the Official Log Books and Ship's Articles should be considered as an additional requirement of the Cyprus flag with regard to the Safety Management System implemented on board Cyprus ships.

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Union of Cypriot Shipowners  
Cyprus Bar Association  
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