

## Information Sheet No. 21

### Parallel (Bareboat) Registration in Cyprus

#### Parallel-in registration

Assuming the law of the country where the vessel is registered allows for the parallel-in registration, the vessel can be registered in parallel under the Cyprus flag. This registration is for two years and renewable.

The basic characteristics of this registration are:

- the foreign nationality is suspended.
- the vessel remains registered with the foreign registry that has the authority in respect with the ownership and encumbrances of the vessel. Therefore a transfer of the ship is to comply with the law of the foreign registry and notified to the Registrar of Cyprus ships. The same applies for any mortgages and other encumbrances. However all other matters (except transfer and mortgages) are subject to the Cyprus Law.
- the ship has to hoist the Cyprus flag.
- on the stern of the ship "Limassol" must be marked as the port of registry.

Documents and information required for parallel in registration.

The following are the documents and information required to be submitted with the application for parallel-in registration:

- a) Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Cyprus company (bareboat charterer).
- b) Certificate of incorporation of the Cyprus shipowing company, and of its directors and shareholders.
- c) Copy of the Resolution of directors of the Cyprus shipowing company resolving to bareboat charter the vessel and register her parallel-in in the Register of Cyprus Ships.
- d) Power of Attorney under the common seal of the Cyprus shipowing company.
- e) Appointment of Authorised Representative (in the case of a corporation established in the European Union or the European Economic Area.
- f) Tonnage Certificate of the vessel.
- g) Certified copy of the bareboat charter party.
- h) Certified written consent of the owner for the parallel-in registration.
- i) Certified written consent of the mortgagees.
- j) Written consent of the foreign register with an official translation.
- k) Certificate of encumbrances from the foreign Register.
- l) Crew list.



**WORLDWIDE**  
Associating offices  
providing business,  
tax and financial advice

- m) Application for Licence to Install and Work a Wireless Telegraphy and/or Telephony Station on Board Ship under the Flat of the Republic of Cyprus (form MS.34).
- n) Registration of SAR particulars (M.S.45) (Does not apply to non convention ships).
- o) Confirmation of class from the Head Office of a recognized Classification Society.
- p) Confirmation from a recognized Radio Traffic Accounting Authority that they will settle the ship's Radiomaritime accounts.
- q) Confirmation from the Master or from a recognized Classification Society as to the marking of the vessel.
- r) Continuous Synopsis Record from the previous register.

Upon approval of the application the Register of Cyprus ships will issue a special certificate of Cyprus Registry (MS.4A)

### **Parallel-out registration**

The parallel-out registration would (as with the parallel-in) depend on whether the law of the other country allows for such registration. The registration is for three years and renewable.

The basic characteristics of this registration are:

- The vessel is registered in the Cyprus registry in respect to the ownership and encumbrances of the vessel, therefore a transfer of the ship mortgage and other encumbrances must comply with the law of Cyprus and notified to the foreign registry. All other matters are subject to the foreign law
- The ship has to hoist the foreign flag
- The port of registry marked on the stern of the ship must be the port of the foreign country.

Documents and information required for parallel-out registration.

The documentation and information required to be submitted with the application for parallel-out registration are the following:

- a) Certified Resolution of the Directors of the Shipowning Company resolving to bareboat charter the vessel to a foreign person, and register her parallel-out.
- b) Certified Power of Attorney of the person signing the bareboat charter party.
- c) Certified copy of the bareboat charter party
- d) Certified written consent of the bareboat charterer for the parallel-out registration.
- e) Original Certificate of Cyprus Registry
- f) Written consent of the foreign registry confirming also that the law of the country allows the parallel registration of the Cyprus ship in its register (with an official translation)
- g) Certified written consent of the mortgagees



**WORLDWIDE**  
Associating offices  
providing business,  
tax and financial advice

- h) Confirmation from a recognized Radio Traffic Accounting Authority that they will continue to settle the vessel's Radiomaritime accounts
- i) Application for parallel-out registration by a local lawyer acting on behalf of the registered owner, to the Minister of Communications and Works through the Registrar of Cyprus Ships, requesting the parallel-out registration of the vessel;
- j) Common declaration by the shipowner and the bareboat charterer, undertaking that during the ship's parallel registration in the registry
  - 1) Cyprus laws will be respected
  - 2) The vessel will continue to meet the same requirements, as regards compliance with International Conventions, as they apply to Cyprus Ships, even though the State of parallel registry may not be a Contracting Party to all those Conventions;
  - 3) A certified copy of the Certificate of parallel registration, issued by the foreign registry will be deposited with the Registrar of Cyprus Ships within one month;
  - 4) Any changes in the name or other particulars of the ship will be communicated to the Registrar of Cyprus Ships without delay

Upon approval of the application the Cyprus nationality of the ship is suspended and the Cyprus Certificate of Registration must be handed back to the Registrar of Cyprus Ships.

**NOTES:**

The above is intended to provide a brief guide only. It is essential that appropriate professional advice is obtained. P.G. Economides & Co Ltd will be glad to assist you in this respect. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

*June 2014*



**WORLDWIDE**  
Associating offices  
providing business,  
tax and financial advice