

CYPRUS REGISTRATION OF SHIPS.

5 OF 1922.

TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF SHIPS IN CYPRUS AND TO AUTHORIZE SHIPS WHEN SO REGISTERED TO FLY A RED ENSIGN DEFACED BY A CYPRUS BADGE.

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1. This Law may be cited as the Cyprus Registration of Ships Law, 1922. Short title.

2. In this Law :—

Definitions.

“ Ship ” means all large or small craft of every description ;

“ Cyprus Corporation ” means a body corporate established under or subject to the law of Cyprus and having its principal place of business in Cyprus ;

“ Cyprus Red Ensign ” means a British Red Ensign having the badge of Cyprus in the fly thereof.

3. A ship shall not be deemed to be a Cyprus ship unless owned wholly by persons who have received certificates of British nationality under the provisions of the Cyprus (Annexation) Orders in Council, 1914 and 1917, or who have been naturalised as British subjects or have otherwise become lawfully possessed of British nationality, or by a Cyprus corporation.

Qualification for owning Cyprus ships.

4.—(1.) Every Cyprus ship shall, unless exempted from registry, be registered under this Law.

Obligation to register Cyprus ships.

(2.) If a ship required by this Law to be registered is not registered under this Law, she shall not be recognized as a Cyprus ship.

5. Ships not exceeding five tons burden are exempted from registry under this Law.

Exemptions from registry.

6. The Chief Collector of Customs shall be the Registrar of Cyprus ships.

Registration of Cyprus ships.

7. An application for registry of a ship shall be made in the case of individuals by the person requiring to be registered as owner, or by some one or more of the persons so requiring if more than one, or by his or their agent, and in the case of Cyprus corporations by their agent.

Application for registry.

8. A person shall not be entitled to be registered under this Law as owner of a ship or of a share therein until he, or in the case of a Cyprus corporation the secretary or other officer of the corporation

Declaration of ownership or registry.

authorized by them for the purpose, has made and signed a declaration of ownership, referring to the ship and containing the following particulars:—

- (i.) A statement of his qualification to own a Cyprus ship, or in the case of a Cyprus corporation, of such circumstances of the constitution and business thereof as prove it to be qualified to own a Cyprus ship;
- (ii.) A statement of the time when and the place where the ship was built, or, if the ship is foreign built, and the time and place of building unknown, a statement that she is foreign built, and that the declarant does not know the time or place of her building; and in addition thereto, in the case of a foreign ship, a statement of her foreign name, or, in the case of a ship condemned, a statement of the time, place and Court at and by which she was condemned;
- (iii.) A statement of the name of the master;
- (iv.) A statement of the number of shares in the ship of which he or the Cyprus corporation, as the case may be, is entitled to be registered as owner;
- (v.) A declaration that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, no unqualified person or body of persons is entitled as owner to any legal or beneficial interest in the ship or any share therein.

As amended
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Entry of
particulars
in Register
Book.

9. On the first registry of a ship the following particulars shall be given to the Registrar, who shall enter the same in a book which shall be called a Register Book:—

- (a.) The name of the ship and the name of the port to which she belongs;
- (b.) The tonnage and description of the ship;
- (c.) The name and description of her registered owner or owners, and if there are more owners than one, the proportions in which they are interested in her.

certificate
of registry.

10. On completion of the registry of a ship, the Registrar, provided he shall be satisfied with her seaworthiness, shall grant a certificate of registry in the form of the Schedule hereto.

Use of flags
other than
the Cyprus
Red Ensign
prohibited.

11. The Cyprus Red Ensign is hereby declared to be the proper colours for all ships registered under this Law belonging to any person who is or has become a British subject or to a Cyprus corporation. If any other colours are hoisted on any such ship belonging to any such person or Cyprus corporation as in this section mentioned, the master of such ship or the owner thereof, if on board, and any other person hoisting such colours shall be liable for each offence to a fine of twenty pounds or to imprisonment not exceeding three months, or to both such punishments.

