

ADOPTION OF THE EURO IN THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

**CONVERSION OF THE AMOUNT OF
FINES, MONETARY PENALTIES & ADMINISTRATIVE FINES IN EURO**

1. On 1st January 2008, the Euro (the single European currency) became the official currency of the Republic of Cyprus, replacing the Cyprus pound. The changeover to the euro is a demanding process, which involves all citizens/government institutions and requires careful and timely preparation. The legal framework for such changeover is *The Adoption of the Euro Law of 2007 (Law 33(I) of 2007, as amended)* and its subsidiary legislation .

In July 2007, the EU Council adopted the conversion rate at which the euro will be substituted for the Cyprus pound: **€1 = £ 0,585274**

Dual display (in Cyprus pounds and euro) of the prices of goods and services provided to consumers is compulsory from 1 September 2007 until 30 September 2008.

2. By virtue of *Notification P.I. 312/2007* (Gazette No. 4210, Supplement III(I), dated 20.07.2007) issued by the Minister of Finance under section 9(1) of *Law 33(I) of 2007 as amended*, the amounts expressed in Cyprus pounds of the monetary penalties, fines and administrative fines provided in all Laws and Public Instruments (Regulations/subsidiary legislation) of the Republic of Cyprus have, as from the 1st January 2008, been replaced by the respective amounts in EURO indicated in the Table below .

Therefore, any amount of monetary penalties, fines and administrative fines expressed in *Cyprus pounds* as currently provided in any piece of the Cypriot legislation on merchant shipping and related matters is replaced by the following respective amount in EURO :

CYPRUS POUNDS	EURO
1,00	1,00
5,00	8,00
10,00	17,00
15,00	25,00
20,00	34,00
25,00	42,00
50,00	85,00
75,00	128,00

100,00	170,00
125,00	213,00
150,00	256,00
175,00	299,00
200,00	341,00
250,00	427,00
300,00	512,00
350,00	598,00
400,00	683,00
450,00	768,00
500,00	854,00
600,00	1.025,00
700,00	1.196,00
800,00	1.366,00
900,00	1.537,00
1.000,00	1.708,00
1.500,00	2.562,00
2.000,00	3.417,00
3.000,00	5.125,00
4.000,00	6.834,00
5.000,00	8.543,00
10.000,00	17.086,00
15.000,00	25.629,00
20.000,00	34.172,00
25.000,00	42.715,00
30.000,00	51.258,00
35.000,00	59.801,00
40.000,00	68.344,00
45.000,00	76.887,00
50.000,00	85.430,00
75.000,00	128.145,00
100.000,00	170.860,00
125.000,00	213.575,00
150.000,00	256.290,00
200.000,00	341.720,00
250.000,00	427.150,00
300.000,00	512.580,00

3. Under section 9 of *Law 33(I) of 2007 as amended*, any amount of fines in Cyprus pounds , not included in the above Table of P.I *Notification P.I. 312/2007* has to be converted in EURO according to the irrevocably fixed conversion rate **€1 = £0,585274** and the relevant provisions of the said *Law* .

Therefore, under the current Cypriot merchant shipping legislation, the above rule applies in the case of the fine for the amount of five hundred thousand pounds (£ **500.000**), now converted at € 854.300 (eight hundred fifty four thousand and three hundred Euro), which is provided only in the following two cases :

- by section 18 (*Criminal offence for pollution*) of *The International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution of the Sea from Ships (Ratification) and for Matters Connected Therewith Laws of 1989 to 2005 (MARPOL Convention Ratification Law 57 of 1989 as amended)*.
 - by section 11 (*Criminal offence*) of *The International Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and other Matter, 1972 and the Resolutions LDC5(III), LDC6(III) of 1978 and LDC12(V) of 1980 (Ratification) and for the Matters Connected Therewith Law of 1990 (DUMPING Convention Ratification Law 38 of 1990)*.
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