

The Arms and Related Materiel (Prohibition of Transportation by Cyprus Ships to and from Ports of Sierra Leone) Order 1999 / Implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 1171(1998)

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To all Owners, Managers and Representatives of Ships under the Cyprus flag

1. I refer to the above subject and further to my circular No 3/99 dated 5.01.1999, I wish to inform you that the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cyprus by virtue of its Decision No 50. 514 adopted the Arms and Related Materiel (Prohibition of Transportation by Cyprus Ships to and from Ports of Sierra Leone) Order 1999 (Official Gazette of the Republic No 3370, supplement III(I), dated 3.12.1999, P.I. No 301/99) on the basis of the Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation) Laws 1966-1971 (Law 26/66 as amended).

2. Order P.I. No 301/99, which actually implements the UN Security Council Resolution 1171 (1998) prohibits the transportation by Cyprus Ships of arms and related materiel of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment and spare parts to any port of Sierra Leone, except if destined for the legal Government of Sierra Leone through named points of entry on a List already supplied or to be supplied by that Government to the UN Secretary – General.

The above prohibitions are not applicable to the sale or supply of arms and related materiel for the sole use in Sierra Leone of the Military Observer Group of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOMOG/ECOWAS)

3. According to a communication dated 09.06.1998 from the Government of the Sierra Leone to the UN Secretary – General, the following is the relevant List of points of entry:

- Kambia and Kabala (from the Republic of Guinea)
- Bo-Waterside and Koindu (from the Republic of Liberia)
- Lungi International Airport, Lungi, and Queen Elisabeth II Quay, Cline Town (Freetown, Sierra Leone).

4. Under section 5 of the Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation) Laws 1966 – 1971, the Master as well as the Owner of any Cyprus ship which, in contravention of any prohibition Order issued under section 3 of the said Laws, transports any cargo or calls at prohibited ports, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine not exceeding ten thousand pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine.

5. The Owners and masters of Cyprus ships are advised to strictly abide by the present Circular.

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- Union of Cypriot Shipowners
- Cyprus Bar Association