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**MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS
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LEMESOS**

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

Subject: The Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation) Order of 2004 implementing UN Security Council Resolution 1483 (2003) –Repeal of Order P.I. 229/90, as amended by Orders P.I. 189/91, P.I. 301/94 and P.I. 225/97

1. I refer to the above subject and further to my Circulars of 17.08.1990, 5.10.1990, 9.04.1991, 27.05.1991, 20.04.1993, No. 2/96, No. 8/96, and No. 19/97, I wish to inform you that the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cyprus, exercising its powers under section 3 of the Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation) Laws 1966-1971, issued the Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation) Order of 2004 [P.I. 155/2004 published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 3822 Supplement III (I), dated 19.03.2004], which implements UN Security Council Resolution 1483(2003).
2. UN Security Council Resolution 1483 (2003) provides for the lifting of all prohibitions related to trade with Iraq with the exception of prohibitions related to the sale or supply to Iraq of arms and related materiel, other than those arms and related materiel required by the *Authority* to serve the purpose of UN Security Council Resolution 1483 (2003) and other related Resolutions.

It is noted that *Authority* for the purposes of the said Resolution means the occupying powers under unified command of the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which have specific authorities, responsibilities, and obligations under applicable international Law, as notified by the letter of their Permanent Representatives to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/538) of 8 May 2003.

3. To this effect, by virtue of Order P.I. 155/2004 the transportation of arms and related materiel to any port in Iraq is prohibited, with the exception of those arms and related materiel required by the *Authority* to serve the purpose of UN Security Council Resolutions related to Iraq. The term *Authority* for the purposes of the Order has the meaning described in the preceding paragraph.

Furthermore, Order P.I. 155/2004 repealed Order P.I. 229/90, as amended by Orders P.I. 189/91, P.I. 301/94 and P.I. 225/97.

The Owners, Managers and Masters of Cyprus Ships should strictly abide by the above Order.

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