



REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS  
**MINISTRY OF  
COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS**



**DEPARTMENT  
OF MERCHANT SHIPPING  
LEMESOS**

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

**Subject: The Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation of Arms and Related Materiel to the Democratic Republic of Congo) Order of 2009/ Implementation of UN Security Council Resolutions 1807 (2008), 1857 (2008) and the EU Council Common Position 2008/369/CFSP**

1. I refer to the above subject and further to my Circular No. 23/2006 (dated 2.11.2006) with regard to the issuing of P.I. 358/2006, I wish to inform you that the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cyprus, in exercising its powers under section 3 of the Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation) Laws 1966-1971, issued the Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation of Arms and Related Materiel to the Democratic Republic of Congo) Order of 2009 (P.I. 187/2009 published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4353, Supplement III (I), dated 30.4.2009).

The said new Order implements the measures imposed by UN Security Council Resolutions 1807 (2008), 1857 (2008) and the European Union Council Common Position 2008/369/CFSP.

2. In implementing the above instruments, Order P.I. 187/2009 prohibits the direct or indirect supply / carriage by Cyprus ships of arms and any related materiel of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment and spare parts for the abovementioned, to all non-governmental entities and individuals operating in the territory of the Democratic Republic of the Congo("DRC").
3. In conformity with UN Security Council Resolutions 1807 (2008), 1857 (2008) and the EU Council Common Position 2008/369/CFSP, Order P.I. 187/2009 further provides that this prohibition does not apply in relation to:
  - (a) arms and related materiel intended for military activities of the Government of the DRC;
  - (b) arms and related materiel intended solely for the support or use by the United Nations Organization Mission in the DRC (MONUC);

(c) protective clothing, including flack jackets and military helmets, temporarily exported to the DRC by the United Nations personnel, representatives of the media and humanitarian and development workers and associated personnel, for their personal use only;

(d) non-lethal military equipment intended solely for humanitarian or protective use.

4. Order P.I.187/2009 further provides that the supply / carriage of arms and related materiel as referred to in paragraph 3 above shall be subject to prior authorization by the Ministry of Communications and Works provided that the shipowner submits the relevant information referred to herein below.

The Republic of Cyprus shall notify in advance the relevant UN Sanctions Committee established pursuant to UNSCR 1533 (2004), of any shipment of arms and related materiel for the DRC referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) and (d) of paragraph 3 above. Such notification shall contain all relevant information, which the shipowner of a Cyprus flag ship must submit to the Ministry of Communications and Works, including, where appropriate, the end-user, the proposed date of delivery and the itinerary of shipments.

5. In implementing the aforementioned Instruments, Order P.I. 187/2009 repeals Order P.I. 358/2006.

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

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