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To all Registered owners, Registered bareboat charterers  
Managers and Representatives of ships flying the Cyprus Flag

To all Owners, Managers, Representatives and Agents in Cyprus of Ships, irrespective of  
flag they are flying, calling at Cyprus ports

*c/o Cyprus Shipping Chamber*  
*c/o Cyprus Union of Shipowners*  
*c/o Cyprus Shipping Association*

**Subject:** - **UN Security Council Resolution 2216 (2015);**  
- **EU Council Decision 2014/935/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in**  
**view of the situation in Yemen.**

1. I refer to the above subject and I wish to inform you of the adoption by the United Nations and the European Union of the following instruments concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Yemen:
  - ***UN Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2216 (2015) dated 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015;***
  - ***EU Council Decision 2014/935/CFSP of 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014 as lastly amended by EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/882 of the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015.***
2. By virtue of the aforementioned instruments the transportation by Cyprus ships of arms and related materiel, irrespective of origin, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment, and spare parts for the aforementioned to, or for the benefit of, the individuals and entities designated by the United Nations Security Council or the Committee established pursuant to paragraph 19 of UNSCR 2140 (2014), as set out in the Annex of EU Council Decision 2014/935/CFSP as amended, is prohibited.
3. In addition to the above, the transportation by Cyprus ships of armed mercenary personnel to any natural or legal person, entity or body referred to in paragraph 2 is also prohibited.



4. It is also noted that by virtue of the aforementioned instruments Member States are required to inspect, in accordance with their national authorities and legislation and consistently with international law, in particular the law of the sea all cargo to Yemen in their territory, including their seaports and airports, if they have information that provides reasonable grounds to believe that the cargo contains items the transfer of which is prohibited.

Moreover Member States shall, upon discovery, seize and dispose of, including through destruction, rendering inoperable, storage or transferring to a State other than the originating or destination States for disposal, items whose transfer is prohibited and shall provide the Sanctions Committee with relevant reports.

5. The text of the aforementioned European Union instruments may be found on <http://eur-lex.europa.eu> whereas the text of United Nations Security Resolutions may be found on <http://www.un.org/en/sc/documents/resolutions/> .

A regularly updated list of all the European Union restrictive measures in force can be found at [http://eeas.europa.eu/cfsp/sanctions/docs/measures\\_en.pdf](http://eeas.europa.eu/cfsp/sanctions/docs/measures_en.pdf)

6. All recipients of the present Circular are invited to take note of its content and should strictly abide by the provisions of the aforementioned UN & EU Instruments.

**This Circular must be placed on board vessels flying the Cyprus flag.**



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