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DEPARTMENT OF MERCHANT SHIPPING
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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 Burma/Myanmar) Order of 2005 implementing Council Common Position 2004/423/CFSP

1. I refer to the above subject and 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 of Arms and Related Materiel to Burma/Myanmar) Order of 2005, Order P.I. 206/2005¹, which implements Common Position 2004/423/CFSP of the Council of the European Union dated 26 April 2004 on renewing restrictive measures against Burma/Myanmar.
2. In implementing the aforementioned Council Common Position, Order P.I. 206/2005 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 for the aforementioned, as well as equipment which might be used for internal repression, to Burma/Myanmar.
3. Furthermore, in conformity with the said instrument, Order P.I. 206/2005 provides that this prohibition does not apply in relation to the transportation of:
 - (a) non-lethal military equipment, or equipment which might be used for internal repression, intended solely for humanitarian or protective use, or for institution building programmes of the UN, the EU and the Community, or of materiel intended for EU and UN crisis management operations, provided that such exports have been approved in advance by the competent authority of the Member State of the European Union in question;

¹ Order P.I. 206/2005 was published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 3984, Supplement III (I), dated 22.04.2005).

- (b) protective clothing, including flak jackets and military helmets, temporarily exported to Burma/Myanmar by United Nations personnel, personnel of the EU, the Community or its Member States, representatives of the media and humanitarian and development workers and associated personnel for their personal use only.
4. Finally, Order P.I 206/2005 repeals the Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation of Arms and Related Materiel to Burma/Myanmar) Order of 2002, Order P.I. 429/2002 (see related Circular No.22/2002).
5. The Owners, Managers and Masters of Cyprus Ships should strictly abide by the above Order.

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