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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 the Republic of Congo) Order of 2006 implementing UN Security Council Resolution 1596 (2005)**

1. I refer to the above subject and 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 Republic of Congo) Order of 2006 (P.I. 358/2006 published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4133 Supplement III (I), dated 15.09.2006), which implements UN Security Council Resolution 1596 (2005).
2. In implementing UN Security Council Resolution 1596 (2005), Order P.I. 358/2006 prohibits the transportation by Cyprus ships of arms and related materiel to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
3. In conformity with the aforementioned UN Security Council Resolution, Order P.I. 358/2006 further provides that this prohibition does not apply in relation to:
  - (a) Supplies of arms and related materiel or technical training and assistance intended solely for support of or use by units of the army and police of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, provided that the said units:
    - (i) have completed the process of their integration, or
    - (ii) operate under the command, respectively, of the état-major intégré of the Armed Forces or of the National Police of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, or
    - (iii) are in the process of their integration, in the territory of the Democratic Republic of the Congo outside the provinces of North and South Kivu and the Ituri district.

(b) Supplies of arms and related materiel as well as technical training and assistance intended solely for support of or use by the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC),

(c) Supplies of non-lethal military equipment intended solely for humanitarian or protective use, and related technical assistance and training, as notified in advance to the Committee established in accordance with paragraph 8 (e) of resolution 1533;

All abovementioned authorized shipments of arms and related materiel shall only be made to receiving sites as designated by the Government of National Unity and Transition, in coordination with MONUC, and notified in advance to the Committee;

4. Furthermore, Order P.I. 358/2006 repeals Order P.I. 780/2004 (see my Circular 51/2004 of 11.11.2004)
5. The Owners, Managers and Masters of Cyprus Ships should strictly abide by the above Order.

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