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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 Liberia) Order of 2006 implementing UN Security Council Resolution 1647 (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 Liberia) Order of 2006 (P.I. 359/2006 published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4133 Supplement III (I), dated 15.09.2006), which implements UN Security Council Resolution 1647 (2005).
2. In implementing UN Security Council Resolution 1647 (2005), Order P.I. 359/2006 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, destined for any recipient in Liberia, including all non-State actors, such as LURD (Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy) and MODEL (Movement for Democracy in Liberia), and to all former and current militias and armed groups.
3. In conformity with the aforementioned UN Security Council Resolution, Order P.I. 359/2006 further provides that this prohibition does not apply in respect of the transportation of:
 - (a) supplies of arms and related materiel and technical training and assistance intended solely for support of or use by UNMIL (United Nations Mission in Liberia);
 - (b) supplies of arms and related materiel and technical training and assistance intended solely for support of or use in an international training and reform programme for the Liberian armed forces and police, as approved in advance by the Committee established by paragraph 21 UNSCR 1521 (2003);

- (c) supplies of non-lethal military equipment intended solely for humanitarian or protective use, and related technical assistance or training, as approved in advance by the Committee;
 - (d) protective clothing, including flak jackets and military helmets, temporarily exported to Liberia by United Nations personnel, representatives of the media and humanitarian and development workers and associated personnel, for their personal use only.
4. Furthermore, Order P.I. 359/2006 repeals Order P.I. 153/2002 (see my Circular 11/2002 of 18.04.2002)
 5. The Owners, Managers and Masters of Cyprus Ships should strictly abide by the above Order.

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