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To all Owners,Managers,Masters  
and Representatives of Ships  
under Cyprus flag.

Subject: The Arms and Related Materiel (Prohibition of Transportation by Cyprus Ships of Military Equipment and of Chemical Acetic Anhydride to the Territory of Afghanistan under Taliban Control)Order 2002.

1.I refer to the above subject and wish to inform you that the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cyprus in exercise of the powers vested in it by Section 3 of the Cyprus Ships Prohibition of Transportation Laws 1966-1971,adopted the Arms and Related Materiel (Prohibition of Transportation by Cyprus Ships of Military Equipment and Chemical Acetic Anhydride to the Territory of Afghanistan Under Taliban Control)Order 2002(Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No 3568,Supplement III(I)dated 18/01/02,P.I No 21/2002).

2.The Order P.I.No.21/2002 in conformity with UN Security Council Resolution 1333(2000)and the European Council Common Position 2001/154/CFSP,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 that are destined for the territory of Afghanistan under Taliban control ,as designated by the competent Committee of the UN Security Council.

The prohibition does not apply to 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 competent Committee of the UN Security Council,as well as to protective clothing, including flak jackets and military helmets exported to Afghanistan for the personal use of theUN personnel, representatives of the media and humanitarian workers and personnel.

Furthermore, Order P.I. No 21/2002 prohibits the transportation by Cyprus Ships of the chemical acetic anhydride which is destined to any person in the territory of Afghanistan under Taliban control, as designated by the competent Committee of UN Security Council, or to any person for the purpose of an activity carried on in, or operated from ,the territory of Afghanistan under Taliban Control,as designated by the competent Committee of UN Security Council.

3. Under Section 5 of the Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation) Laws 1966-1971, the Master as well as the owner of any Cyprus Ship which, in contravention of any prohibition Order issued under section 3 of said Laws, transports any cargo or calls at prohibited ports, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine not exceeding ten thousand pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine.

The Owners and Masters of Cyprus Ships are advised to strictly abide by the above Order.

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