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

To all Owners, Managers and Representatives of ships under a foreign flag calling at
Cyprus ports

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

Subject: New EU instruments concerning restrictive measures against Sudan

1. I refer to the above subject and further to my previous Circular No. 31/2012 (dated 11.07.2012) regarding the issuing of national Prohibition Order P.I. 196/2012¹, concerning the prohibition of transportation by Cyprus ships of certain material to both Sudan and South Sudan, I wish to inform you of the adoption by the European Union Council on 10th July 2014 of the following instruments concerning restrictive measures against Sudan:
 - (i) ***EU Council Decision 2014/450/CFSP of 10th July 2014 repealing decision 2011/423/CFSP;***
 - (ii) ***Council Regulation (EU) No. 747/2014 of 10th July 2014 repealing regulation (EC) No. 131/2014 and (EC) No. 1184/2005.***
2. The aforesaid legal instruments, for the purposes of clarity, seek to separate and integrate the restrictive measures imposed by EU Council Decision 2011/423/CFSP, and Council Regulation (EC) No. 131/2014 as well as Regulation (EC) No. 1184/2005, insofar as these concern Sudan, into a single legal instrument.
3. By virtue of the aforementioned Instruments the transportation by Cyprus ships of arms and related technical equipment, irrespective of origin, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment and spare parts for the aforementioned, to Sudan, is prohibited.
4. The aforementioned Instruments further provide that this prohibition does not apply in respect of the transportation of:
 - (a) non-lethal military equipment intended solely for humanitarian, human rights monitoring or protective use, for institution building programmes of

¹ Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4572, Supplement III (I), dated 1.06.2012.



the UN, the African Union, the EU, or material intended for EU, UN and African Union crisis management operations;

(b) non-combat vehicles which have been manufactured or fitted with materials to provide ballistic protection, intended solely for protective use of personnel of the EU and its Member States in Sudan or of the personnel of the UN or African Union;

(c) de-mining equipment and materiel for use in de-mining operations;

provided that such deliveries have been approved in advance by the competent authorities of the relevant Member State; and

(d) protective clothing, including flak jackets and military helmets, temporarily exported to Sudan by the UN personnel, EU personnel or of its Member States, representatives of the media and humanitarian and development workers and associated personnel, for their personal use only.

5. The text of the aforementioned European Union instruments may be found on <http://eur-lex.europa.eu>

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

6. The present Circular repeals previous Circulars No. 25/2010 and 31/2012.

7. All recipients of the present Circular are invited to take note of its content and should strictly abide by the provisions of the aforementioned instruments.

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



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