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To all Owners, Managers
and Representatives
of Ships under the Cyprus Flag

Subject: The Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation of Nuclear, Chemical or Biological Weapons and Related Materiel) Order of 2006 implementing UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004)

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 1966-1971¹, issued the Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation of Nuclear, Chemical or Biological Weapons and Related Materiel) Order of 2006, Order P.I. 227/2006², which implements UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004).
2. In implementing the aforementioned UN Security Council Resolution, Order P.I. 227/2006 prohibits the transportation by Cyprus ships, to and from any port around the globe, of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons, related materiel and their means of delivery originating from or destined to any non-State actor and or in particular for terrorist purposes.
3. Furthermore, in conformity with UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004), Order P.I. 227/2006 provides that:

“*means of delivery*” means missiles, rockets and other unmanned systems capable of delivering nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons, that are specially designed for such use.

“*Non-State actor*” means individual or entity, not acting under the lawful authority of any State in conducting activities which come within the scope of Resolution 1540(2004) and includes the United Nations list established and maintained by the Committee established under Security Council Resolution 1267 and those included in Resolution 1373.

¹ Law 26/1966 as amended by Law 53/1971.

² P.I. 227/2006 was published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4106, Supplement III (I), dated 26.05.2006).

“*related materials*” means materials, equipment and technology covered by relevant multilateral treaties and arrangements, or included on national control lists, which could be used for the design, development, production or use of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and their means of delivery.

4. The Owners, Managers and Masters of Cyprus Ships should strictly abide by the above Order and are reminded that, pursuant to Law 26/1966 as amended by Law 53/1971, contravention of Order P.I. 227/2006 constitutes a criminal offence punishable with a sentence of imprisonment and fine.

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