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

Subject: The Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation of Arms and Related Materiel from and to Sudan and South Sudan) Order of 2012

1. I refer to the above subject and further to my previous Circular No. 25/2010 (dated 12.08.2010) regarding the issuing of Order P.I. 360/2010, I 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 from and to Sudan and South Sudan) Order of 2012, P.I. 196/2012¹, which implements the following instruments:

- (i) European Union Council Decision 2011/423/CFSP as amended;**
- (ii) European Union Council Regulation (EC) No. 131/2004 as amended;**
- (iii) United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1556 (2004), 1591 (2005) and 1945 (2010)**

2. In implementing the aforementioned Instruments, Order P.I. 196/2012 prohibits 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 and from Sudan and South Sudan.

3. In conformity with the aforementioned Instruments, Order P.I. 196/2012 further provides 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 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 South Sudan;

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

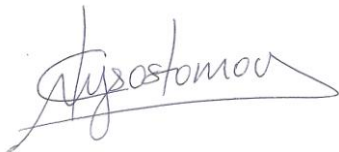
(d) non-lethal military equipment intended solely for the support of the process of Security Sector Reform in South Sudan;

provided that such deliveries have been approved in advance by the competent authorities of the Republic of Cyprus; and

(e) protective clothing, including flak jackets and military helmets, temporarily exported to Sudan or South 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.

4. Finally, Order P.I. 196/2012 repeals previous Order P.I. 360/2010 and the present Circular repeals previous Circular No. 25/2010.
5. All recipients of the present Circular are invited to take note of its content and should strictly abide by the provisions of Order P.I. 196/2012 as well as of the aforementioned instruments.
6. The text of the aforementioned European Union instruments may be found on <http://eur-lex.europa.eu> whereas the text of United Nations Security Resolutions may be found on <http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/>.

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



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