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MINISTRY OF  
COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS

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All Owners, Managers and Representatives  
of Ships under the Cyprus Flag

**Subject: The Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation of Arms and Related Materiel to and from Iraq) Order of 2011**

1. I refer to the above subject and further to my previous Circular No. 12/2004 (dated 19.04.2004) regarding the issuing of P.I. 155/2004<sup>1</sup>, 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 to and from Iraq) Order of 2011, P.I. 428/2011<sup>2</sup>, which implements the United Nations Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs) 1483 (2003) and 1546 (2004), as well as the European Union Council Common Position 2003/495/CFSP as amended.
2. The text of the aforementioned European Union instrument 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/>.
3. In implementing the aforementioned Instruments, Order P.I. 428/2011 prohibits the direct or indirect transportation by Cyprus ships of arms and related material of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment and spare parts for the aforementioned irrespective of origin.
4. In conformity with the aforementioned Instruments, Order P.I. 428/2011 further provides that this prohibition does not apply in respect of the transportation of arms and related material required by the Government of Iraq or the multinational force established under UNSCR 1511 (2003) to serve the purposes of UNSCR 1546 (2004).

However, such transportation shall be subject to an authorisation granted by the Ministry of Communications and Works of the Republic.

<sup>1</sup> Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 3822, Supplement III (I), dated 19.03.2004.

<sup>2</sup> published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4526, Supplement III (I), dated 21.10.2011.



5. Finally, Order P.I. 428/2011 repeals previous Order P.I. 155/2004.
6. 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. 428/2011.

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



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