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Registered owners, registered bareboat charterers,
managers, operators and masters of
ships flying the Cyprus flag

Subject: **The Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation of Arms and Related Materiel destined to certain persons and entities due to the situation in Afghanistan) Order of 2012**

I refer to the above subject and 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 of 1966 to 1973, has issued *the Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation of Arms and Related Materiel destined to certain persons and entities due to the situation in Afghanistan) Order of 2012 (P.I. 125/2012¹)*, which implements the United Nations Security Council resolutions 1267(1999), 1333(2000), 1390(2002) and 1988(2011), as well as the European Union Council Decision 2011/486/CFSP.

2 Order P.I. 125/2012 prohibits the transportation by Cyprus ships of arms and related materiel, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment and spare parts for the aforementioned to the individuals, groups, undertakings and entities in Afghanistan as referred to in paragraph 3 below.

3 The prohibitions referred to in paragraph 2 above apply to:

- (a) individuals and entities designated prior to 17 June 2011 as the Taliban;
- (b) other individuals, groups, undertakings and entities associated with the Taliban, as specified in section A (Individuals associated with the Taliban) and section B (Entities and other groups and undertaking

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associated with the Taliban) of the Consolidated List published by the United Nations Security Council Committee established pursuant to Security Council resolutions 1267(1999) and 1333(2000), as of 17 June 2011; and

- (c) other individuals, groups, undertakings and entities associated with the Taliban constituting a threat to the peace, stability and security of Afghanistan as designated by the United Nations Security Council Committee established pursuant Security Council resolution 1988(2011).

4 All recipients of the present Circular are invited to note of its content and the registered owners, the registered bareboat charterers, the managers, the operators and the masters of ships flying the Cyprus flag are required to strictly abide by the provisions of Order P.I. 125/2012, as well as, by the provisions of the aforesaid United Nations and European Union instruments. In this respect it is noted that the United Nations Security Council resolutions cited above have been adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations and thus they have a direct and immediate effect upon the Member States of the United Nations. Hence and notwithstanding the information provided in this circular, those concerned should take into account in their decisions the lists referred to above in their latest form.

5 The text of the aforementioned United Nations Security Council resolutions may be found on <http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/> and the text of the European Union instrument may be found on <http://eur-lex.europa.eu>. The United Security Council Committees web-site is at the following address <http://www.un.org/sc/committees/> and the lists referred to above may be found there in their latest form.

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



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