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

To all Owners, Managers, Representatives and Agents in Cyprus of Ships, irrespective of flag
they are flying, calling at Cyprus ports

c/o Cyprus Shipping Chamber

c/o Cyprus Union of Shipowners

c/o Cyprus Shipping Association

Subject: The Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation of Arms and Related Materiel to the Republic of Guinea) Order of 2012

I refer to the above subject and further to DMS Circular No. 10/2012 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 the Republic of Guinea) Order of 2012¹.

2. Order P.I. 520/2012 implements **Council Decision 2010/638/CFSP** as last amended by **Council Decision 2012/665/CFSP** as well as **Council Regulation (EU) No. 1284/2009** as last amended by **Council Regulation (EU) No. 1295/2011**. It prohibits the transportation by Cyprus ships to and from the Republic of Guinea of arms and related materiel, irrespective of origin including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment and spare parts for the aforementioned, as well as equipment which might be used for internal repression in the Republic of Guinea, including the equipment set out in Annex I of Council Regulation (EU) No. 1284/2009 as amended.

3. In conformity with the aforementioned instruments, Order P.I. 520/2012 further provides that this prohibition does not apply in respect of the transportation of the following-

- (a) non-lethal military equipment or of equipment which might be used for internal repression, intended solely for humanitarian or protective use, or for institution building programs of the United Nations (UN) and the European Union, or for European Union and UN crisis management operations;

¹ Order P.I. 520/2012 published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4613, Supplement III (I), dated 21.12.2012.



- (b) non-lethal military equipment or of non-lethal equipment which might be used for internal repression, intended solely to enable the police and gendarmerie of the Republic of Guinea to use only appropriate and proportionate force while maintaining public order;
- (c) non-combat vehicles which have been manufactured or fitted with materials to provide ballistic protection, intended solely for the protective use of the personnel of the European Union and its Member States in the Republic of Guinea;
- (d) non-combat transport helicopters, stripped of military equipment, solely for the use of the Guinean authorities, provided that the government of the Republic of Guinea has given a prior written undertaking that their use will remain under civilian control and that they will not be equipped with military equipment;
- (e) explosives and related equipment intended solely for civilian use in mining and infrastructure investments provided that the storage and use of the explosives and related equipment are controlled and verified by an independent body;

provided that the said exports and assistance have been approved in advance by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus.

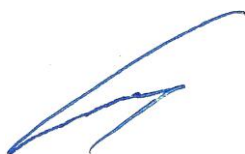
4. In addition, Order P.I. 520/2012 further provides that the prohibition on transportation does not apply in respect of the transportation of protective clothing, including flak jackets and military helmets, temporarily exported to the Republic of Guinea by United Nations personnel, by personnel of the European Union or its Member States, representatives of the media and humanitarian or development workers and associated personnel, for their personal use only.

5. Furthermore, Order P.I. 520/2012 provides that the transportation by Cyprus ships of cargoes in contravention of Council Regulation (EU) No. 1284/2009 ,as amended from time to time, is prohibited.

6. Lastly, Order P.I. 520/2012 repeals Order P.I. 510/2011. Consequently, DMS Circular No. 10/2012 is hereby repealed.

7. 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. 520/2012 and the EU Instruments imposing restrictive measures against the Republic of Guinea.

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



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