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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: - New EU Council Decision 2013/659/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Somalia;
- UN Security Council Resolutions 2111 (2013), 2125 (2013) and 2142 (2014).

1. I refer to the above subject and I wish to inform you of the adoption by the United Nations and the European Union of the following instruments concerning restrictive measures against Somalia:
 - ***UN Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs) 2111 (2013), 2125 (2013) and 2142 (2014);***
 - ***EU Council Decision 2013/659/CFSP.***

2. The aforesaid instruments provide for a list of exemptions to the general prohibition of transportation by Cyprus ships of arms and related material. In particular the prohibition of transportation shall not apply to the transportation of:
 - (a) arms and related material of all types intended solely for the support of or use by United Nations personnel, including the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM);
 - (b) arms and related material of all types intended solely for the support of or use by the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM);
 - (c) arms and related material of all types intended solely for the support of, or use by, AMISOM's strategic partners, operating solely under the African Union Strategic Concept of 5 January 2012 (or subsequent AU strategic concepts), and in cooperation and coordination with AMISOM;



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- (d) arms and related material of all types intended solely for the support of or use by the European Union Training Mission (EUTM) in Somalia;
- (e) arms and related material of all types intended solely for the use of Member States or international, regional and subregional organisations undertaking measures to suppress acts of piracy and armed robbery at sea off the coast of Somalia, upon the request of the Federal Government of Somalia for which it has notified the Secretary-General and provided that any measures undertaken shall be consistent with applicable international humanitarian and human rights law;
- (f) arms and related material of all types intended solely for the development of the Security Forces of the Federal Government of Somalia, and to provide security for the Somali people, except in relation to deliveries of the items set out in Annex II of EU Council Decision 2010/231/CFSP as lastly amended by EU Council Decision 2013/659/CFSP, if a notification to the Sanctions Committee has been made at least five days in advance in accordance with paragraphs 14 and 15 of UNSCR 2111 (2013), including, if appropriate, as set out in paragraph 4 of this Article 1 of EU Council Decision 2010/231/CFSP as lastly amended by EU Council Decision 2013/659/CFSP;
- (g) arms and related material of all types as set out in Annex II of EU Council Decision 2010/231/CFSP, as lastly amended by EU Council Decision 2013/659/CFSP, to the Federal Government of Somalia as approved in advance by the Sanctions Committee on a case-by-case basis;
- (h) protective clothing, including flak jackets and military helmets, temporarily exported to Somalia by United Nations personnel, representatives of the media and humanitarian and development workers and associated personnel for their personal use only;
- (i) non-lethal military equipment intended solely for humanitarian or protective use, notified to the Sanctions Committee five days in advance, and for its information only, by the supplying State, international, regional or subregional organisation;
- (j) arms and related material of all types intended solely for the purposes of helping develop Somali security sector institutions, in the absence of a negative decision by the Sanctions Committee within five working days of receiving a notification of any such assistance from the supplying Member State, international, regional or subregional organisation.

3. The text of the aforementioned European Union instruments may be found on <http://eur-lex.europa.eu> whereas the text of United Nations Security Resolution may be found on <http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/>.

A regularly updated list of all the European Union restrictive measures in force can be found at http://eeas.europa.eu/cfsp/sanctions/docs/measures_en.pdf

4. All recipients of the present Circular are invited to take note of its content and should strictly abide by the provisions of the aforementioned UN & EU Instruments.

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



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