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Circular No. 12/2010

To all Owners, Managers and Representatives of Ships under the Cyprus Flag

To all Owners, Managers and Representatives of Ships under a foreign flag calling Cyprus ports

To all Shipping Agents operating in Cyprus (c/o Cyprus Shipping Association)

To all Ship Managers operating in Cyprus (c/o Cyprus Shipping Chamber)

To all Classification Societies operating in Cyprus

Subject: Sanctions against Somalia and Eritrea:

EU Council Decision 2010/126/CFSP of 1st March 2010 – Somalia

EU Council Decision 2010/127/CFSP of 2nd March 2010 – Eritrea

- 1. I refer to the above subject and further to my Circular No.12/2009 of 18.6.2009 with regard to the issuing of P.I. 237/2009 for Somalia, I wish to bring to your attention the provisions of the abovementioned Decisions of the Council of the European Union.
- 2. Both of the aforementioned EU Decisions, in essence:
  - call upon Member States to inspect, in accordance with the powers of their national authorities and legislation and consistent with international law, all cargo to and from Somalia and Eritrea, in their territory, including their seaports, if the Member State concerned has information that provides reasonable grounds to believe that the cargo contains items whose supply, sale, transfer or export is prohibited under the provisions of Common Position 2009/138/CFSP, for Somalia, and Decision 2010/127/CFSP, for Eritrea.
  - provide that vessels transporting cargo to and from Somalia shall be subject to the requirement of additional pre-arrival or pre-departure information for all goods brought into or out of a Member State.



- provide that Member States shall, upon discovery, seize and dispose (either by destroying of rendering inoperable) of items whose supply, sale, transfer or export is prohibited under Common Position 2009/138/CFSP, for Somalia, and Decision 2010/127/CFSP, for Eritrea.
- 3. All recipients of the present Circular are invited to take note of its contents and should strictly abide by the above EU law provisions.
- 4. Further, you are herewith informed that a New Order is under preparation, and will be issued in due course, for the effective implementation of the restrictive measures imposed against Eritrea, under Decision 2010/127/CFSP.

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  - Ministry of Communications and Works
  - Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
  - Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence
  - Permanent Secretary Ministry of Justice
  - Permanent Secretary Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism
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  - Commander Cyprus Marine Police
  - Maritime Offices of the Department of Merchant Shipping abroad
  - Diplomatic Missions and Honorary Consular Officers of the Republic
  - Cyprus Shipping Chamber
  - Cyprus Union of Shipowners
  - Cyprus Bar Association