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

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

All Shipping Agents operating in Cyprus (*c/o Cyprus Shipping Association*)

All Ship Managers operating in Cyprus (*c/o Cyprus Shipping Chamber*)

All Bunkering and ship supplying enterprises operating in Cyprus (*c/o Cyprus Shipping  
Chamber*)

All Classification Societies operating in Cyprus

**Subject: New Restrictive Measures against Iran- UN Security Council Resolution  
1929(2010)**

I refer to the above subject and further to my Circulars No. 15/2007, No.1/2009 and  
No.11/2010 I wish to inform you as follows:

1. On 9 June 2010, the United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution 1929(2010) which imposes further restrictive measures against Iran. Said Resolution reaffirms preceding UN Security Council Resolutions on Iran, including UNSCR 1737(2006), 1747(2007) and 1803(2008). It is recalled that the prohibition of transportation measures included in the latter UN Security Council Resolutions have been implemented by the Republic of Cyprus through the adoption of Order P.I. 262/2009 and Order P.I. 10/2009, issued under the Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation) Laws 1966-1971 (see my Circulars No. 15/2007 and No.1/2009).

2. UNSCR 1929(2010) introduces, inter alia, the following measures pertaining to transportation by vessels:

- (a) It prohibits any direct or indirect supply or transfer to Iran, by vessels flying the flag of UN Member States, whether originating in their territories or not, of any battle tanks, armoured combat vehicles, large calibre artillery systems, combat aircraft, attack helicopters, warships, missiles or missile systems as defined for the purpose by the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms, or related materiel, including spare parts, or items as determined by the Security Council or the Committee established pursuant to Resolution 1737(2006);
- (b) States should inspect, in accordance with their national authorities and legislation and consistent with international law, in particular the law of the sea, all cargo to and from Iran, in their territory, including seaports, if the State concerned has information which provides reasonable grounds to believe that the cargo contains items the supply, sale, transfer, or export of which is prohibited under the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions;
- (c) States, consistent with international law, in particular the law of the sea, may request inspections of vessels on the high seas with the consent of the flag State, and *calls upon* all States to cooperate in such inspections if there is information which provides reasonable grounds to believe that the vessel is carrying items the supply, sale, transfer, or export of which is prohibited under the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions;
- (d) It provides that all States shall prohibit the provision by their nationals or from their territory of bunkering services, such as provision of fuel or supplies, or other servicing of vessels, to Iranian-owned or -contracted vessels, including chartered vessels, if they have information which provides reasonable grounds to believe that they are carrying items the supply, sale, transfer, or export of which is prohibited under the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions, unless provision of such services is necessary for humanitarian purposes or until such time as the cargo has been inspected, and seized and disposed of if, necessary.

3. Furthermore UNSCR 1929(2010) extends the measures contained therein, as well as in preceding UN Security Council Resolutions on the matter, to entities of the *Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL)*, including any persons or entities acting on their behalf. In this regard, States should:

- (a) communicate to the Sanctions Committee any information available on transfers or activity by vessels owned or operated by the *Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL)* to other companies that may have been undertaken in order to evade the sanctions of the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions, including renaming or re-registering vessels;
- (b) require their nationals, persons subject to their jurisdiction and firms incorporated in their territory or subject to their jurisdiction, to exercise vigilance when doing business with entities incorporated in Iran or subject to Iran's jurisdiction, including those of the IRISL, if they have information which provides reasonable grounds to believe that such business could contribute to Iran's proliferation-sensitive nuclear activities or the development of nuclear weapon delivery systems or to violations of relevant UN Security Council Resolutions.

4. Owners, managers and representatives of ships under the Cyprus flag, or under a foreign flag calling at a Cyprus port, are advised to take note of this Circular and abide by UNSCR 1929(2010) the full text of which is obtainable from the Security Council's website <http://www.un.org/Docs/sc>. A prohibition of transportation Order implementing said Resolution will be issued in the forthcoming weeks.

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

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