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



DEPARTMENT  
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**Subject: The Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation of Arms and Related Materiel to the Republic of Guinea) Order of 2011/ Implementation of EU Council Decision 2010/638/CFSP and Council Regulation (EU) No. 1284/2009 as amended.**

1. I refer to the above subject and 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 2011, P.I. 510/2011<sup>1</sup>, which implements European Council Decision 2010/638/CFSP as well as Council Regulation (EU) No. 1284/2009, both as amended.
2. In implementing the aforementioned instruments, Order P.I. 510/2011 prohibits the transportation by Cyprus ships to and from the Republic of Guinea of arms and related materiel, whether or not originating in the Union, 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.
3. In conformity with the aforementioned instruments, Order P.I. 510/2011 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;
  - (b) non-lethal military equipment or of non-lethal equipment which might be used for internal repression, intended solely to enable the police and

<sup>1</sup> published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4537, Supplement III (I), dated 16.12.2011.



- 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

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, the prohibition of paragraph 2 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. 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. 510/2011.
6. The text of the aforementioned European Union instruments may be found on <http://eur-lex.europa.eu>.

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



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