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

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

c/o Cyprus Shipping Chamber
c/o Cyprus Union of Shipowners
c/o Cyprus Shipping Association

Subject: New EU instruments concerning restrictive measures against South Sudan

1. I refer to the above subject and further to my previous Circular No. 37/2014 (dated 20.11.2014) regarding the issuing of national Prohibition Order P.I. 508/2014¹, as well as Circular No. 25/2014 (dated 25.08.2015) concerning the prohibition of transportation by Cyprus ships of certain material to South Sudan, I wish to inform you of the adoption by the European Union Council on 7th May 2015 of the following instruments concerning restrictive measures against South Sudan:
 - (i) ***EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/740 of 7th May 2015 repealing EU Council Decision 2014/449/CFSP;***
 - (ii) ***Council Regulation (EU) 2015/735 of 7th May 2015 repealing Council Regulation (EU) No. 748/2014.***
2. By virtue of the aforementioned Instruments the transportation by Cyprus ships of arms and related materiel of all types, irrespective of origin, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment and spare parts for the aforementioned, to South Sudan, is prohibited.
3. The aforementioned Instruments further provide that this prohibition does not apply in respect of the transportation of:
 - (a) non-lethal military equipment intended solely for humanitarian, human rights monitoring or protective use or for institution building programmes of the UN, the African Union, the EU, or the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), or of material intended for EU, UN and African Union crisis management operations;

¹ Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4831, Supplement III (I), dated 14.11.2014.



- (b) non-combat vehicles which have been manufactured or fitted with materials to provide ballistic protection, provided that such are intended solely for protective use, in South Sudan, by personnel of the EU and its Member States or by the personnel of the UN, African Union or IGAD;
- (c) de-mining equipment and materiel for use in de-mining operations;
- (d) non-lethal military equipment intended solely for the support of the process of Security Sector Reform in South Sudan;

provided that such deliveries have been approved in advance by the competent authorities of the relevant Member State; and

- (e) protective clothing, including flak jackets and military helmets, temporarily exported to South Sudan by the personnel of the EU or of its Member States, by UN or IGAD personnel, or by representatives of the media and humanitarian and development workers and associated personnel, for their personal use only.

4. The text of the aforementioned European Union instruments may be found on <http://eur-lex.europa.eu>

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

5. The present Circular repeals previous Circulars No. 37/2014 and 25/2014.
6. All recipients of the present Circular are invited to take note of its content and should strictly abide by the provisions of the aforementioned instruments.

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



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