

REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS



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

Subject: <u>The Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation of Arms, Related Materiel and Diamonds to Côte d'Ivoire) (Amendment) Order of 2010</u>

- 1. I refer to the above subject and further to my previous Circular No. 17/2005 (dated 06.07.2005) regarding the issuing of P.I. 278/2005¹, I 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, Related Materiel and Diamonds to Côte d'Ivoire) (Amendment) Order of 2010, P.I. 359/2010², which implements United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1643 (2005) and 1893 (2009) as well as the European Union Council Common Position 2006/30/CFSP.
- 2. In implementing the aforementioned Instruments, Order P.I. 359/2010 amends Order P.I. 278/2005 and in a nutshell:
 - (i) by adding to the prohibitions of transportation a new Prohibition i.e.:
 - the transportation "for the purposes of import into the Community, of any rough diamonds from Côte d'Ivoire, whether originating or not therefrom";
 - (ii) by adding a specific exception to the prohibition of transportation of rough diamonds as per item (i) above when these:
 - "will be used solely for the purposes of scientific research and analysis to facilitate the development of specific technical information concerning Ivorian diamond production, provided the research is coordinated by the

¹ Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4003, Supplement III (I), dated 10.06.2005.

² Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4445, Supplement III (I), dated 06.08.2010.

Kimberly Process, and approved on a case by case basis by the Committee".

3. All recipients of the present Circular are invited to take note of its content and should strictly abide by the provisions of Amendment Order P.I. 359/2010 as well as the provisions of the preceding Order P.I. 278/2005.

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

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