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

To all Owners, Managers, Representatives and Agents in Cyprus of Ships,
irrespective of flag they are flying, calling at Cyprus ports

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

**Subject: - UN Security Council Resolution 2153 (2014)
- New EU Council Decision 2014/460/CFSP concerning restrictive
measures against Côte d' Ivoire;**

1. I refer to the above subject and further to DMS Circulars No. 21/2012 and No. 46/2012, regarding the adoption of national Prohibition Orders P.I. 123/2012¹ and P.I. 313/2012², I wish to inform you of the adoption by the United Nations and the European Union of the following instruments concerning restrictive measures against Côte d' Ivoire:

- ***UN Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2153 (2014);***
- ***EU Council Decision 2014/460/CFSP amending Decision 2010/656/CFSP renewing the restrictive measures against Côte d'Ivoire.***

2. In view of the above recently adopted instruments the restrictive measures scheme against Ivory Coast is as follows:

A. Prohibition of transportation clause:

The transportation by Cyprus ships of arms and related lethal materiel, irrespective of origin, as well as equipment which might be used for internal repression, including the equipment set out in Annex I of Council Regulation (EC) No. 174/2005, as amended, to Côte d'Ivoire is prohibited.

¹ Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4556, Supplement III (I), dated 30.03.2012.

² Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4589, Supplement III (I), dated 31.08.2012.

B: Exemptions to the transportation clause:

The above prohibition does not apply to the transportation by Cyprus ships of:

- (a) supplies intended solely for the support of or use by the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) and the French forces who support them, and supplies transiting through Côte d'Ivoire intended for the support of or use by United Nations Peacekeeping operations;
 - (b) the following, as notified in advance to the Committee established by paragraph 14 of UNSCR 1572 (2004) ("Sanctions Committee"):
 - (i) supplies temporarily exported to Côte d'Ivoire to the forces of a State which is taking action, in accordance with international law, solely and directly to facilitate the evacuation of its nationals and those for whom it has consular responsibility in Côte d'Ivoire;
 - (ii) supplies of arms and related lethal materiel to the Ivorian security forces, intended solely for the support of, or use in, the Ivorian process of security sector reform, with the exception of those arms and related lethal materiel as set out in Annex III to this Decision, which must be approved in advance by the Sanctions Committee;
 - (c) supplies of non-lethal equipment capable of being used for internal repression and which is intended solely to enable the Ivorian security forces to use only appropriate and proportionate force while maintaining public order;
 - (d) supplies of equipment capable of being used for internal repression to the Ivorian security forces, intended solely for support of, or use in, the Ivorian process of security sector reform.
3. It is also noted that by virtue of the aforesaid instruments the transportation by Cyprus ships of rough diamonds from Ivory Coast is no longer prohibited.
 4. The text of the aforementioned European Union instruments may be found on <http://eur-lex.europa.eu> whereas the text of United Nations Security Resolution may be found on <http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/>.

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 national Prohibition Orders P.I. 123/2012 and P.I. 313/2012 as well as DMS Circulars No. 21/2012 and No. 46/2012.
 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 UN & EU Instruments.

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



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