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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: - New EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/739 concerning restrictive measures against Central African Republic (CAR);
- UN Security Council Resolution 2196 (2015).

1. I refer to the above subject and further to DMS Circular No. 5/2014 (dated 10.03.2014) I wish to inform you of the adoption by the United Nations and the European Union of the following instruments concerning restrictive measures against Central African Republic:

- ***UN Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2196 (2015) dated 22nd January 2015;***
- ***EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/739 dated 7th May 2015 amending EU Council Decision 2013/798/CFSP.***

2. The impact of the aforementioned instruments is an amendment to the list of exemptions to the general prohibition of transportation by Cyprus ships of arms and related material. As a result the prohibition of transportation of arms and related materiel shall not apply to the transportation of:

- (a) arms and related material intended solely for the support of or use by the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the CAR (Minusca), the African Union Regional Task Force (AU-RTF), and the Union missions and the French forces deployed in the CAR;
- (b) protective clothing, including flak jackets and military helmets, temporarily exported to the CAR by United Nations personnel, personnel of the Union or its Member States, representatives of the media and humanitarian and development workers and associated personnel, for their personal use only;



- (c) small arms and related materiel intended solely for use in international patrols providing security in the Sangha River Tri-national Protected Area to defend against poaching, smuggling of ivory and arms, and other activities contrary to the national laws of CAR or CAR's international legal obligations.

In addition the prohibition of paragraph 2 shall not apply to the transportation of:

- (a) non-lethal military equipment intended solely for humanitarian or protective use;
- (b) arms and other related lethal equipment to the CAR security forces, intended solely for support of or use in the CAR process of Security Sector Reform (SSR);
- (c) arms and related materiel, including personnel;

as approved in advance by the Committee established pursuant to paragraph 57 of UNSC 2127 (2013).

- 3. In addition to the above, by virtue of new Article 1a of **EU Council Decision 2013/798/CFSP** as amended lastly EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/739, Member States shall, upon discovery, seize, register and dispose of (such as through destruction, rendering inoperable, storage or transferring to a State other than the originating or destination States for disposal) items the transfer of which is 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 Resolutions may be found on <http://www.un.org/en/sc/documents/resolutions/>

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. 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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