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



DEPARTMENT
OF MERCHANT SHIPPING
LEMESOS

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Subject: The Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation of Arms and Related Materiel to Zimbabwe) Order of 2011

1. I refer to the above subject and further to my previous Circular No. 15/2009 (dated 26.06.2009) 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 and Related Materiel to Zimbabwe) Order of 2011, P.I. 429/2011¹, which implements the European Council Decision 2011/101/CFSP.
2. In implementing the aforementioned European Council Decision, Order P.I. 429/2011 prohibits the direct or indirect transportation by Cyprus ships to and from Zimbabwe 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 as well as equipment which might be used for internal repression in Zimbabwe.
3. In conformity with the aforementioned European Council Decision, Order P.I. 429/2011 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) protective clothing, including flak jackets and military helmets, temporarily exported to Zimbabwe 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.

¹ published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4526, Supplement III (I), dated 21.10.2011.



4. In addition, in accordance with the Corrigendum to the European Council Decision 2011/101/CFSP dated 14.04.2011 (OJ L 100 p.74) any exports as per paragraph 3 (a) above shall be subject to an approval obtained in advance by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic. Our Department has proceeded with the necessary actions in order to implement this condition.
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. 429/2011.
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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 - Cyprus Shipping Chamber
 - Cyprus Union of Shipowners
 - Cyprus Shipping Association
 - Cyprus Bar Association