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**MINISTRY OF  
COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS**



**DEPARTMENT  
OF MERCHANT SHIPPING  
LEMESOS**

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To all Owners, Managers and Representatives  
of Ships under the Cyprus Flag

**Subject: The Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation of Arms and Related Materiel to Zimbabwe) Order of 2009 implementing EU Council Common Position 2004/161/CFSP as amended by EU Council Common Position 2009/68/CFSP**

1. I refer to the above subject and further to my Circular No. 9/2002 (dated 4.04.2002) with regard to the issuing of P.I. 142/2002, 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 2009 (P.I. 255/2009 published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4368, Supplement III (I), dated 26.6.2009).

The said new Order implements the measures imposed by European Union Council Common Position 2004/161/CFSP as amended by 2009/68/CFSP.

2. In implementing the above instruments, Order P.I. 255/2009 prohibits the supply / carriage by Cyprus ships to Zimbabwe of arms and related materiel of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment and spare parts for the aforementioned, as well as equipment which might be used for internal repression.
3. In conformity with EU Council Common Position 2004/161/CFSP as amended, Order P.I. 255/2009 further provides that this prohibition does not apply in relation to the supply / carriage by Cyprus ships to Zimbabwe:
  - (a) of 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 programmes of the United Nations, the European Union and the European Community, or of the materiel intended for the European Union and the United Nations crisis-management operations, on the condition that such exports have been approved in advance by the relevant competent authority of the Republic;

(b) of protective clothing, including flack jackets and military helmets, temporarily exported to Zimbabwe by United Nations personnel, personnel of the European Union, the European Community or its Member States, representatives of the media and humanitarian and development organizations and associated personnel, for their personal use only;

4. In implementing the aforementioned Instruments, Order P.I. 255/2009 repeals Order P.I. 142/2002.

The Owners, Managers and Masters of Cyprus Ships should strictly abide by the above new Order.

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