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

Subject: UN & EU Restrictive measures against Libya

1. I refer to the above subject and wish to inform you of the recent adoption by the European Council of Decision 2011/137/CFSP and Regulation 204/2011, as well as the adoption by the Security Council of the United Nations of Resolution 1970 (2011) imposing restrictive measures against Libya in view of the latest unfortunate and tragic situation.

For the purposes of compliance with the above international and European instruments and in particular for the purposes of prohibiting the transportation of arms and related materiel to and from Libya, our Department has drafted a new Prohibition Order to be issued by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cyprus in the coming days. Details as to the issue and contents of the Prohibition Order will follow via a separate circular.

2. The aforementioned UN & EU Instruments, apart from providing for specific transportation prohibition, impose also an obligation on Member States to inspect all cargo to and from Libya, in their territory, including their seaports, if the Member State concerned has information that provides reasonable grounds to believe that the cargo contains items the transfer of which is prohibited.

Moreover the Member States, upon discovery of any prohibited items, must seize and dispose the same (through destruction, rendering inoperable, storage or transferring to a State other than the originating or destination States for disposal).

In addition, and more importantly, any ships transferring cargo from and to Libya shall be subject to the requirement of additional pre-arrival or pre-departure information for all goods brought into or out of a Member State.



The person who provides that information shall declare whether the goods are covered by the Common Military List or by Regulation 204/2011 and, where their export is subject to authorisation, specify the particulars of the export licence granted. These additional elements shall be submitted either in written form or using a customs declaration, as appropriate.

3. All recipients of the present Circular are invited to take note of its content and should strictly abide by the provisions of the aforementioned Instruments.

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



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