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DEPARTMENT OF MERCHANT SHIPPING
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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 Côte d'Ivoire) Order of 2005 implementing Council Regulation 174/2005/EC, Council Common Position 2004/852/CFSP and UN Security Council Resolution 1572 (2004)

1. I refer to the above subject and wish to inform you that the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cyprus, 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 Côte d'Ivoire) Order of 2005, Order P.I. 278/2005¹, which implements European Union Council Regulation 174/2005/EC², Council Common Position 2004/852/CFSP³ and UN Security Council Resolution 1572 (2004).
2. In implementing the aforementioned instruments, Order P.I. 278/2005 prohibits the transportation, directly or indirectly, by Cyprus ships of the following:
 - arms and related materiel and/or equipment which might be used for internal repression as listed in Annex I to Council Regulation 174/2005/EC, whether or not originating in the Community, to any person, entity or body in, or for use in, Côte d'Ivoire;
 - technical assistance related to the equipment, directly or indirectly to any person, entity or body in, or for use in, Côte d'Ivoire.

¹ P.I. 278/2005 was published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4003, Supplement III (I), dated 10.06.2005).

² Council Regulation (EC) No 174/2005 of 31 January 2005 imposing restrictions on the supply of assistance related to military activities to Côte d'Ivoire.

³ Council Common Position 2004/852/CFSP of 13 December 2004 concerning restrictive measures against Côte d'Ivoire.

3. Order P.I. 278/2005 further provides that the above prohibition does not apply in relation to the transportation of:
- 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;
 - non-lethal military equipment intended solely for humanitarian or protective use, including such equipment intended for EU, UN, African Union and Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) crisis management operations, where such activities have also been approved in advance by the Committee⁴;
 - supplies of arms and related materiel intended solely for support of or use in the process of restructuring defence and security forces pursuant to paragraph 3, subparagraph (f) of the Linas- Marcoussis Agreement, as approved in advance by the Committee;
 - 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, as notified in advance to the Committee;
 - protective clothing, including flak jackets and military helmets, temporarily exported to Côte d'Ivoire by United Nations personnel, personnel of the EU, the Community or its Member States, representatives of the media and humanitarian and development workers and associated personnel for their personal use only;
4. The Owners, Managers and Masters of Cyprus Ships should strictly abide by the above Order.

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- Diplomatic Missions and Honorary Consular Officers of the Republic
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- Cyprus Bar Association

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⁴ For the purposes of Order P.I. 278/2005, "Committee" means the Committee established under paragraph 14 of UNSCR 1572 (2004).