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To all Registered owners, Registered bareboat charterers
Managers and Representatives of ships flying the Cyprus Flag

To all Owners, Managers and Representatives of ships under a foreign flag calling at
Cyprus ports

c/o Cyprus Shipping Chamber
c/o Cyprus Union of Shipowners
c/o Cyprus Shipping Association

Subject: New UN and EU instruments concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic

1. I refer to the above subject and further to DMS Circulars No. 5/2014, No. 18/2015 and No. 10/2016, I wish to inform you of the adoption of the following instruments concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic:
 - (i) ***United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2262 (2016)*** dated 27th January 2016;
 - (ii) ***EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/564*** of 11th April 2016 amending Decision 2013/798/CFSP.
2. The impact of the aforementioned instruments is the amendment of 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 material shall not apply to the transportation of (new text in *italic fonts*):
 - (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 *other* related *equipment* 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, *as notified in advance to the Committee*;

(d) non-lethal equipment and provision of assistance, including operational and non-operational training to the CAR security forces, intended solely for support of or use in the CAR process of Security Sector Reform (SSR), in coordination with MINUSCA, and as notified in advance to the Committee.

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. 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/Docs/sc/>.

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

4. 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 as well as national Prohibition Order P.I. 428/2015.

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



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