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DEPARTMENT OF MERCHANT SHIPPING
LEMESOS**

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To all Owners,Managers,Masters
and Representatives of Ships
under Cyprus flag.

Subject: The Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation of Arms and Related Materiel to Usama Bin Laden ,the Al- Qaida network , the Taliban and their associates)Order of 2004 .

- 1.I refer to the above subject and wish to inform you that the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cyprus in exercise of the powers vested in it by section 3 of the Cyprus Ships Prohibition of Transportation Laws 1966-1971, adopted the Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation of Arms and Related Materiel to Usama Bin Laden ,the Al Qaida network , the Taliban and their associates)Order of 2004 (Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No.3822 , Supplement III(I) dated 19.03.2004 P.I 154/2004).
2. P.I 154/2004 repeals Order P.I 21/2002 adopted in 2002 for the implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 1333(2000) and the European Council Common Position 2001/154/CFSP. (See my Circular No. 5/2002 , dated 04 February 2002).
- 3.The Order P.I.No.154/2004 in conformity with UN Security Council Resolutions 1267(1999),1333(2000)and 1390(2002) and the European Council Common Position 2002/402/CFSP,prohibits the transportation by Cyprus Ships of arms and related materiel of all types including weapons and ammunition ,military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment and spare parts for the aforementioned , that are destined to Usama Bin Laden , members of the Al-Qaida organization and the Taliban and other individuals ,groups ,undertakings and entities associated with them , as referred to in the list created pursuant to resolutions 1267(1999) and 1333(2000) to be updated regularly by the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999), wherever they might be.
4. The use of Cyprus Ships for supply of technical advice , assistance or training related to military activities to the individuals ,groups , undertakings and entities mentioned in paragraph 3 , wherever they might be , is prohibited .

5. Under section 5 of the Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation) Laws 1966-1971, the Master as well as the owner of any Cyprus Ship which, in contravention of any prohibition Order issued under section 3 of said Laws, transports any cargo or calls at prohibited ports, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine not exceeding ten thousand pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine.

The present Circular repeals and supersedes my Circular No.5/2002, dated 04. February 2002.

The Owners and Masters of Cyprus Ships are advised to strictly abide by the above Order.

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Union of Cypriot Shipowners
Cyprus Bar Association

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