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

To all Owners, Managers, Representatives and Agents in Cyprus of Ships, irrespective of  
flag they are flying, calling at Cyprus ports

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

**Subject:** - New EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/202 concerning restrictive measures against Ivory Coast;  
- New Council Regulation (EU) 2015/192 concerning restrictive measures against Ivory Coast;  
- UN Security Council Resolution 2219 (2015).

1. I refer to the above subject and further to DMS Circulars No. 28/2014 and No. 38/2014, the latter regarding the issuing of national Prohibition Order P.I. 509/2014<sup>1</sup>, I wish to inform you of the adoption by the United Nations and the European Union of the following instruments concerning restrictive measures against Ivory Coast:

- ***UN Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2219 (2015);***
- ***EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/202 amending EU Council Decision 2010/656/CFSP;***
- ***Council Regulation (EU) 2015/192 amending Council Regulation (EC) No. 174/2005.***

2. The impact of the aforementioned instruments is an amendment to 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 materiel shall not apply to the transportation of (new text in *italic fonts*):

(a) 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, and supplies transiting through Côte d'Ivoire intended for the support of or use by United Nations Peacekeeping operations;

<sup>1</sup> Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4831, Supplement III (I), dated 14.11.2014.



- (b) the following, as notified in advance to the Committee established by paragraph 14 of UNSCR 1572 (2004) (“Sanctions Committee”):
- (i) 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;
  - (ii) supplies of arms and related lethal materiel to the Ivorian security forces, intended solely for the support of, or use in, the Ivorian process of security sector reform, with the exception of those arms and related lethal materiel as set out in Annex III to this Decision, which must be approved in advance by the Sanctions Committee;
- (c) supplies of non-lethal equipment capable of being used for internal repression and which is intended solely to enable the Ivorian security forces to use only appropriate and proportionate force while maintaining public order;
- (d) supplies of equipment capable of being used for internal repression to the Ivorian security forces, intended solely for support of, or use in, the Ivorian process of security sector reform;
- (e) *equipment which might be used for internal repression where the equipment is solely for civilian use in mining or infrastructure projects, subject to authorisation on a case by case basis by the competent authorities of the exporting Member State.*

3. For a more detailed guidance on the transportation of equipment by virtue of the aforementioned exceptions, please refer to new Articles 4a and 4b of **Council Regulation (EC) No. 174/2005** as lastly amended by Council Regulation (EU) 2015/192.

4. 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/en/sc/documents/resolutions/>

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](http://eeas.europa.eu/cfsp/sanctions/docs/measures_en.pdf)

5. 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 the provisions of national Prohibition Order P.I. 509/2014.

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



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