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MINISTRY OF
COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS

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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 2013/798/CFSP, as amended lastly by EU Council Decision 2014/125/CFSP, concerning restrictive measures against Central African Republic;**
- **UN Security Council Resolutions 2127 (2013) and 2134 (2014).**

1. I refer to the above subject and I wish to inform you of the adoption by the United Nations and the European Union of the following instruments concerning restrictive measures against Central African Republic (CAR):
 - ***UN Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs) 2127 (2013) and 2134 (2014);***
 - ***EU Council Decision 2013/798/CFSP, as amended lastly by EU Council Decision 2014/125/CFSP.***
2. Under the aforesaid instruments the transportation by Cyprus ships of arms and related material of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment and spare parts for the aforementioned, irrespective of origin, as well as of armed mercenary personnel, to CAR is prohibited.
3. The aforementioned instruments further provide that the above mentioned prohibition does not apply to the transportation of:



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- (a) arms and related materiel intended solely for the support of or use by the Mission for the Consolidation of Peace in Central African Republic (MICOPAX), African-led International Support Mission to the Central African Republic (MISCA), United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in the Central African Republic (BINUCA) and its guard unit, the African Union-Regional Task Force (AU- RTF), the French forces deployed in the CAR and the European Union operation in the CAR (EUFOR RCA);
- (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 related materiel 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.

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).

4. Moreover UNSCR 2127 (2013) provides as follow with respect to the discovery of items the transportation of which is prohibited:

“Decides to authorize all Member States to, and that all that all member States shall, upon discovery of items prohibited by paragraph 54 of this resolution, seize, register and dispose (such as through destruction, rendering inoperable, storage or transferring to a State other than the originating or destination States for disposal) items the supply, sale, transfer or export of which is prohibited by paragraph 54 of this resolution and decides further that all Member States shall cooperate in such efforts”.

5. The text of the aforementioned European Union instruments may be found on <http://eur-lex.europa.eu> whereas the text of United Nations Security Resolution 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

6. 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.

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



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