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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 Uzbekistan) Order of 2007 implementing European Union Council Common Position 2005/792 /CFSP and Council Common Position 2006/787/CFSP

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 Uzbekistan) Order of 2007 (Order P.I. 91/2007¹).
The said Order implements Common Position 2005/792/CFSP of the Council of the European Union dated 14 November 2005 on restrictive measures against Uzbekistan and Common Position 2006/787/CFSP of the Council of the European Union dated 13 November 2006 on renewing restrictive measures against Uzbekistan.
2. In implementing the aforementioned Council Common Position 2005/792/CFSP, Order P.I. 91/2007 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. Furthermore it prohibits the transportation by Cyprus Ships of equipment, listed in Annex I of Council Common Position 2005/792/CFSP, which might be used for internal repression to Uzbekistan.
3. In conformity with the aforementioned EU instruments , Order P.I. 91/2007 further provides that this prohibition does not apply in respect of the transportation of:
 - (a) non-lethal military equipment, intended solely for humanitarian or protective use, or for institution –building programmes of the UN, the EU and the European Community or for EU and UN crisis management operations;

¹ Order P.I. 91/2007 was published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4176, Supplement III(I) dated 23.02.2007)

(b) arms and equipment referred above for the forces in Uzbekistan of contributors to the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF);

(c) equipment which might be used for internal repression, intended solely for humanitarian or protective use;

provided that such transportation has been approved in advance by the Minister of Communications and Works.

4. The aforementioned prohibition shall not apply to the transportation of protective clothing, including flak jackets and military helmets, temporarily exported to Uzbekistan by United Nations personnel, personnel of the EU, the European Community or its Member States, representatives of the media and humanitarian and development workers and associated personnel for their personal use only.
5. The Owners, Managers and Masters of Cyprus Ships should strictly abide by the above Order.

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