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DEPARTMENT OF MERCHANT SHIPPING
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To all Owners,Managers,Masters
and Representatives of Ships
under Cyprus flag.

Subject: The Arms ,Related Materiel and Rough Diamonds (Prohibition of Transportation by Cyprus Ships to and from Ports of Liberia)Order 2002/Implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1343(2001) and 1408(2002).

- 1.Further to my circular of 18 April 2002 , I 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(Law 26/66 as amended), adopted the Arms , Related Materiel and Rough Diamonds (Prohibition of Transportation by Cyprus Ships to and from Ports of Liberia) Order 2002(Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No 3657, Supplement III(I)dated 29/11/02,P.I No 591/2002).
2. P.I 591/2002 repeals order P.I 153/2002 adopted in 2002 for the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1343(2002).(See my Circular dated 18.04.2002)
- 3.The Order P.I.No.591/2002, in conformity with the UN Security Council Resolution 1343(2001) and 1408(2002), 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 relevant spare parts that are destined for Liberian ports.

The prohibition does not apply to supplies of non-lethal military equipment intended solely for humanitarian or protective use and related technical assistance, provided it has been approved in advance by the competent Committee of the UN Security Council , as well as to protective clothing, including flak jackets and military helmets provisionally exported to Liberia for the personal use of the UN personnel, representatives of the media and

humanitarian and development workers and personnel.

4. The Order P.I. No.591/2002, additionally prohibits the transportation by Cyprus ships of rough diamonds that originate from Liberia.

The prohibition does not apply to rough diamonds controlled by the Government of Liberia through the Certificate of Origin regime.

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 dated 18.04.2002.

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

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